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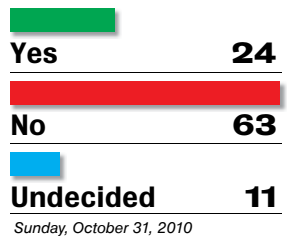
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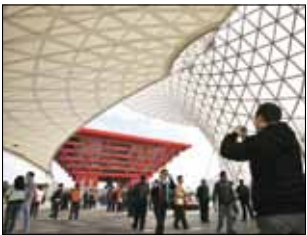
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## 'ARRA contract probes won't prosper'

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO  
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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial said yesterday that federal and local investigations on the \$392,406 sole-source government contract to privately manage the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act program in the CNMI will not find anything wrong in the procurement process.



Fitial

He said the CNMI is not only benefiting from the continuous ARRA program implementation, but has also saved local money by using federal funds in awarding such contract to former Commerce secretary Michael Ada's Inte-

grated Professional Solutions LLC.

The governor said criticisms on the contract award and reported investigations are "nonsense."

"This thing is saving the CNMI [money]. Can you imagine if we let Mike Ada continue that office in Commerce? That's coming out from the local revenue. This one is coming out from the ARRA because certain percentage of the

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## Fire hits tailoring shop and clothing store in Garapan

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- » Building owned by ex-senator Pangelinan

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A tailoring shop and clothing store located on the ground floor of a two-story commercial building owned by former senator Maria Frica Pangelinan in Garapan were razed by a fire of still unknown cause early Saturday morning.

No one was reported injured.

Both BL Clothing Store and BL Tailor Shop

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## Five conferred 2010 humanities awards

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Five individuals were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the humanities during the 2010 Governor's Humanities Awards rites at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Friday night.

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FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Mannequins of BL Clothing Store and BL Tailor Shop are seen sprawled at the parking lot after a fire of still unknown cause razed the establishment, located at Tun Kiku's Building in Garapan on Saturday early morning.

## Fitial, Kiliti clash on 'follower' label, other issues

- » Gas vouchers, other election activities

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With just a day to go before Elec-

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tion Day, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Delegate Gregorio Kiliti C. Sablan are locking horns on a congressional watchdog's label of

Sablan as "a follower," as well as other political issues.

Concerned citizens have also questioned the distribution of gas vouchers and free pick up and drop off of voters to and from

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## Local

# Search for missing tourist stopped

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Teams stopped their search and recovery operations on Saturday after failing to locate Masaaki Isobe, a 24-year-old Japanese

tourist who has been missing at Tank Beach in Kagman since Wednesday noon.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Sgt. Thomas A. Blas Jr. said yesterday that the teams—composed of person-

nel from the Boating Safety Section, DPS Fire Division's Search and Rescue Unit, Division of Fish and Wildlife, and the Emergency Management Office—have already stopped their search.

It was not clear whether the U.S. Coast Guard joined Saturday's last day of search.

Blas said he had no information whether Isobe's family members are on Saipan.

On Friday, strong currents

and tiger sharks hampered the search and rescue operations.

Blas said Isobe was snorkeling with four other tourists at Tank Beach on Wednesday morning when he disappeared.

Preliminary investigation showed that the group had gone to Tank Beach at 11am Wednesday. After snorkeling in the lagoon for about 30 minutes, the

tourists headed back to shore.

They then noticed that Isobe was not with the group so they began searching for him. They later spotted him by the reef line where he was shouting for help.

The group attempted to rescue him, but failed to reach his location due to large waves and strong current.

## CHC hemodialysis is recognized for outstanding renal care in the Pacific

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The Commonwealth Health Center's renal unit has received an award for having dialysis patients with the highest rate of AV fistulas in the entire region, even exceeding the national average.

CHC has fistula rates of 58

percent, which is higher than national average of 56.5 percent. This rate is also higher than any other Medicare-certified dialysis facilities in the Pacific region.

In hemodialysis, three primary methods are used to gain access to the blood: an intravenous catheter, an arteriovenous (AV)

fistula and a synthetic graft. The type of access is influenced by factors such as the expected time course of a patient's renal failure and the condition of his or her vasculature.

Esther Muna, public health acting deputy secretary for hospital administration, and end stage renal disease medical di-

rector Dr. Sherleen Osman, are proud to receive the recognition.

The certificate of recognition cites the CHC Dialysis Fistula First Breakthrough Initiative for "outstanding performance" and valuable contributions to the Western Pacific Renal Network, LLC. The certificate of recognition was signed by

Western Pacific Renal Network director of operations Allison Kregness and executive director Darlene Rodgers.

Karlo Reyes, registered nurse and end stage renal disease coordinator, cited some important key points that were considered for the recognition.

"Vascular access is considered the 'lifeline' for end stage renal disease [ESRD] patients receiving hemodialysis. This allows the patient's blood to be pumped from the body and cleansed through the machine and artificial kidney and back to the patient. Without this, dialysis is impossible. Patients die," he explained.

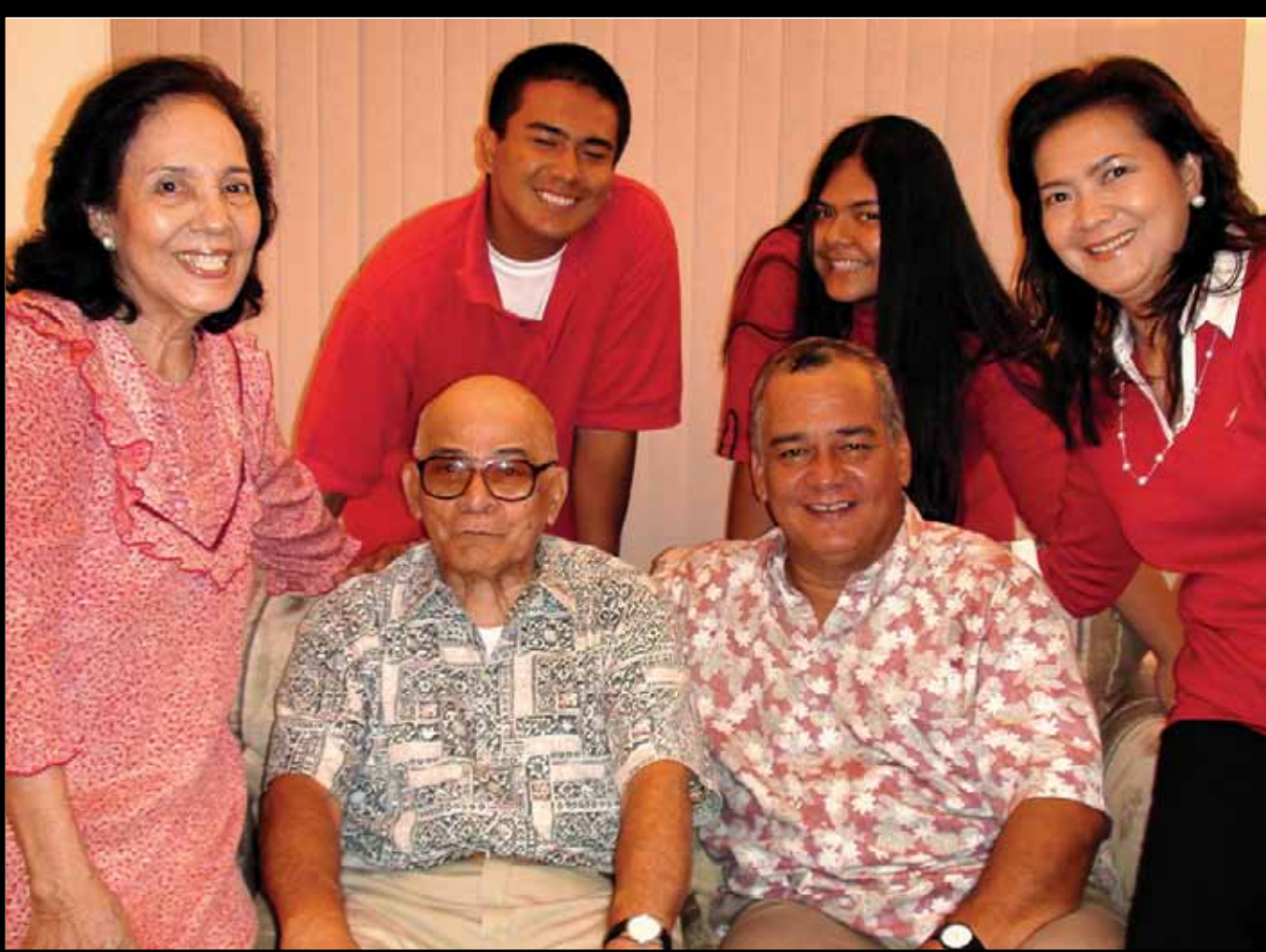
He said there are three most common types of access: AV graft, AV fistula and vascular catheter. He said experts agree AV fistula is the best access

for hemodialysis and is considered the "gold standard" in dialysis access.

The National Vascular Access Improvement Initiative is known to most as the "Fistula First" program. *Saipan Tribune* learned that Medicare began this special project in July 2003.

"Overall, fistulas provide the best performance for hemodialysis patients. In spite of the geographic and socioeconomic barriers that exist, CHC-Hemodialysis Unit make every effort to reduce the disparity in health care services and that patients receive the best treatment options and care available," said Reyes.

He said this is the third year that the ESRD network has acknowledged the hard work and outstanding performance of the CHC's renal unit.



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# New \$30 million, 300-room hotel on Saipan proposed

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A Hong Kong investor is proposing to build an estimated \$30 million hotel resort in San Antonio and is expected to soon finalize talks with the Department of Public Lands on the monthly rental under an initial 25-year land lease.

Public Lands Secretary Oscar M. Babauta said yesterday that the proposed hotel will have 254 to 300 rooms.

"It's going to be a big hotel," Babauta told *Saipan Tribune*, when asked about an update on the Hong Kong investor which earlier expressed interest in building a new hotel resort on 5 hectares of public lands north of the Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio.

But he said he does not want to speculate on the reason behind the new investor's investment proposal on Saipan, at a time when the economy is down and many hotels have only few rooms filled up with tourists.

"They said they have been eyeing the CNMI in the past

two years," Babauta added.

Babauta said the Hong Kong investor's identity will be named when it completes negotiation with DPL on a "comfortable rental rate" in "two to three weeks."

The investor is looking at an initial 25-year land lease.



Babauta

Babauta, a former House speaker, said the investor is "aggressive" on the project, which will be on the same area where a Korean investor, KSA Corp., previously proposed to build a hotel with villas and

condotels.

KSA Corp.'s project did not materialize because of its failure to submit a business plan detailing the company's recovery proposal, source of funds to finance the project, and an architectural engineer's rendering of the proposed project, resulting in DPL's termination of the pub-

lic land lease in June 2008.

Babauta said investors like the one from Hong Kong will help boost the sagging CNMI economy, and hopes that once the land lease agreement is finalized, the project will be able to get off the ground.

DPL is tasked with managing leases of public lands on behalf of people of Northern Marianas descent.

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## HUMANITIES

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NMI Council for the Humanities executive director Scott Russel and board chair Tracy Guerrero, along with governor's representative John Joyner, bestowed the special recognitions in five categories: Preservation of CNMI History, Traditional Cultural Practices, Research and Publication in the Humanities, Outstanding Humanities Teacher, and Lifetime Achievement in the Humanities.

Don Farrel was this year's awardee for preservation of CNMI history for his significant leadership efforts related to the 2010 public forum "The Manhattan Project and Tinian: An Educational Symposium and Memorial."

Farrel is a noted scholar, author, and historian who wrote the first CNMI history textbook and has researched and written extensively on the Commonwealth.

Donald Mendiola was recipient of the award for preservation of traditional cultural practices for his publication of *Amot Chamorro* and its contribution to the preservation of traditional healing. *Amot Chamorro* is a reference

book that is a major step forward in an ongoing challenge to preserve knowledge and practice of ancient herbal remedies. Mendiola is a teacher of bilingualism, biculturalism, and a special *amot* course at Hopwood Jr. High School.

The award for research and publication in the humanities went to former chief justice Jose S. Dela Cruz for his contribution to local literature that documents, preserves, and narrates unique CNMI history, using voices within the community. This year, Dela Cruz published *Colonialism to Self-Government: The Northern Marianas Experience*, which offers in five parts an interesting take on the islands' cultural and political evolution.

Named outstanding humanities teacher for 2010 was Sudi Napalan for being an innovative educator who promotes literacy by teaching her students a love of reading and introducing them to lifelong learning through literature. The Saipan Southern High School teacher created Reading Rave, an active literacy program where students read, discussed, and share books with fellow students.

The Council bestowed the Lifetime Achievement in the Humanities award

to the late Dr. Mau Pailug, who was represented by family members Henry Yarofalpiy, Tony Pailug, and Astrio Tawalpiy at the ceremony.

Mau Pailug was a master navigator whose life story has always been the stuff of legend. His greatest and perhaps most challenging voyage was the one taken within himself, as a teacher who shared this traditional knowledge in somewhat untraditional ways.

The award recipients said they are very honored to receive the prestigious recognition and vowed to continue their individual efforts to contribute more for the humanities.

Besides the five individuals, many groups and organizations were recognized as this year's Humanities supporters: Angil Design, Bridge Capital, DFS Saipan Ltd., Bank of Guam, Bank of Hawaii, Charitable Foundation, Bank of Saipan, Garment Workers Trust Fund, Guam Refinery, Mobil Oil Mariana Islands, Norma Marfega, Moylan's Insurance Underwriters, Pacific Development Inc., Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Tropical Laundry, Michael A. White & Winzler and Kelly.

Agencies and organizations that were named 2010 Humanities Partners in their programs and activities

included CNMI Public School System and Board of Education, Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, Joeten Kiyu Public Library, American Memorial Park, Northern Marianas College, Museum of History and Culture, Marianas Cable Vision, CNMI Supreme Court, *Saipan Tribune*, and *Marianas Variety*.

The council also recognized former council board members Richard Moreno, Felicidad Ogumoro, Charles Reyes, and Alvaro Santos for their contributions to the council.

Also lauded were the artworks of CNMI students Kai Staal of Saipan International School; Emma McColough-Stearns from SIS; Allison Madamba from SSHS; Ray Lizama of SSHS; Richard Matsuyama of Marianas High School; and Rozette Bunao of MHS.

The Governor's Humanities Awards ceremony is an annual event co-sponsored by the NMI Council for the Humanities and the Office of the Governor to recognize outstanding contributions to the humanities by individuals, groups and organizations.

## FIRE

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Shop were closed when the fire broke out at about 1am. The store and shop are in one commercial office.

The Hua Xing Market Wholesale and Retail located beside BL Clothing Store and BL Tailoring Shop sustained smoke and fire damage.

Fire fighters managed to prevent the blaze from transferring to other commercial offices at Pangelinan's Tun Kiku's Building.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that BL Clothing Store and BL Tailoring Shop are owned by a certain Abiao, a Chinese national.

A security guard told *Saipan Tribune* that he was outside a commercial building just a few blocks away from Tun Kiku's Building when he heard a high pitch sound like a leaking gas tank.

The guard said he later learned that a fire had broken out at Tun Kiku's Building.

Another witness said she was already sleeping in the barracks located next to Tun Kiku's Building when a friend knocked on the door to wake her up because of smoke coming from BL Clothing Store and BL Tailor Shop.

The witness said she heard a sound like a rocket firecracker and when she went out she saw thick smoke coming from the shop.

Tirso Biquillo, 58, a tailor at BL, said

his co-worker Lina would regularly close the establishment at 9pm.

Biquillo said he went to work at 10am on Friday but left at 2:30pm because he was not feeling well. He learned about the fire only on Saturday morning when he was about to report for work and his neighbors told him about it.

Biquillo said he called his employer, who then told him there's no need to work because the shop was already gone.

He described Abiao a kind and good employer.

The tailor said the shop and store were full because eight sacks of new clothing had just arrived from China last week.

He said their storage room in the back was also full of clothing materials.

Biquillo said he had just finished tailoring six blouses and one cloth for a regular customer in Guam. The customer was set to pick up the finished clothes by today, Sunday.

"They're all burned," said the tailor in Tagalog.

When *Saipan Tribune* visited the site on Saturday at 9am, a fire truck was on standby in front of the building as smoke could still be seen coming from the shop. Fire investigators were also interviewing witnesses.

About three mannequins (dummy) and shattered wall glasses were seen in the parking lot, which was cordoned off by police and fire investigators.

## CLASH

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their houses so they could vote—a practice that the governor said is not a violation of laws or rules.

Fitial said the \$10 gas vouchers are given to those who volunteer to help the Camacho campaign.

"We help those who help. Is that against the law? Is there a law that says, 'don't gas peoples' car because they're helping you? These are volunteers. They come in and volunteer. ... This is not only humanitarian, this is common sense," Fitial told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview at a Covenant Party gathering for their delegate candidate, Joseph N. Camacho, in Susupe yesterday afternoon.

Fitial, in a separate written statement, said he is not at all surprised to learn that a congressional tracking group's website, GovTrack.us, has labeled Sablan as "a follower," and this, he said, is an embarrassment for the people of the CNMI.

The label "follower" is a measure of who is following who in Congress.

"It's very sad for our people. We finally had the opportunity to have a seat in the U.S. Congress in 2009 and this is what our people have to hear; that we sent a follower and not a leader," Fitial said.

Prior to the release of the statement, Fitial granted interviews with reporters at the Covenant Party gathering.

In that interview, Fitial said Camacho, as the Covenant Party candidate, is the best person to represent the CNMI in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Sablan is a "moderate independent" and a "follower," states GovTrack's own statistical analysis of bill sponsorship.

GovTrack.us was formed to help the public research and track activities in the U.S. Congress. It describes its activities as "promoting and innovating government transparency and civic education through novel uses of technology."

"Sablan tends to cosponsors the bills of other members of Congress who do not cosponsor Sablan's own bills," GovTrack said.

Of the 441 members of Congress, there are at least 163 who are more of a

"follower" than Sablan.

They include senior and long-time members of Congress, including Natural Resources Committee chair Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV), Rep. Donald Young (R-Ak), and Guam Delegate Madeleine Bordallo (D-Guam).

Sablan has sponsored 20 bills since Jan. 6, 2009, of which 17 haven't made it out of committee and none were successfully enacted. Sablan has co-sponsored 230 bills during the same time period.

"That is the cold hard truth about Kilili. Sablan's failure to ever enlist any cosponsors is a clear reflection of his inability to work well with other members of Congress. The NMI has been very fortunate to have been assisted by the delegates from Guam and American Samoa each time that our own delegate short-changed our people," Fitial said.

The governor said he believes the people deserve a higher standard of representation in the nation's capital.

"It is an injustice to everyone in the Commonwealth to know that our representative to the U.S. Congress is being classified as a follower. It is no wonder why the forthcoming election is a four-way race; three other candidates have stepped forward because they, too, believe that the CNMI deserves more than just a follower," Fitial added.

GovTrack said Sablan missed 31 (or 10 percent) of 323 roll call votes since Jan 15, 2009.

But Sablan fares much better than Guam's Bordallo who missed 177 or 22 percent of roll call votes and American Samoa Delegate Eni Faleomavaega who missed 324 or 41 percent of roll call votes since Feb. 8, 2007.

GovTrack ranked Faleomavaega and Bordallo as the top one and two, respectively among Congress members who missed the most roll call votes.

### 'Complete disregard for the law'

The Sablan campaign, in responding to Fitial's statement, said that Fitial has once again shown his complete disregard for the law by issuing political attack press releases on government stationery.

It said the governor "clearly believes that our Commonwealth government belongs to him."

"But people are tired of the takeover of our government by the governor and his Covenant Party. That's why, on Tuesday, Nov. 2, voters will be casting their ballots for the candidate they can trust: Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan," the Sablan campaign said.

Sablan is running against the Covenant Party's Joe N. Camacho, the Republican Party's Juan N. Babauta, and the Democratic Party's Jesse Borja.

"Voters have seen what the Covenant Party produces: payless paydays and a failed economy. Voters have seen what Kilili produces: millions and millions of dollars for education, CIP, and health care. The choice could not be more clear. Do we want the Covenant Party candidate who cannot even speak for himself, but is only a 'follower' of the governor? No. We want to keep what works. We want the leadership and performance of Kilili in Congress—he is the one ray of hope and help for our Commonwealth," the Sablan campaign said.

Fitial, in an interview, said Sablan has been claiming credit for things that he has not started or applied for. The governor cited the laptops given to CNMI students. He said he, as governor, was the one who applied for and the grantee for the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund that paved the way for these laptops to reach CNMI students.

The governor the GovTrack data speak for themselves.

GovTrack.us is an independent, non-partisan, and open-source website launched in September 2004. It was the first website worldwide whose primary goal was to provide comprehensive legislative tracking for everyday citizens by embracing the power of technology.

To compute the leader-follower score for Sablan, GovTrack makes a table that lists all other members of Congress. Each row has the number bills sponsored by Sablan and cosponsored by the other member of Congress divided by the number of bills sponsored by the other member of Congress and cosponsored by Sablan.

This is a measure of who is following who. The higher the number, the more times others are cosponsoring Sablan's bills without Sablan returning the favor. GovTrack then takes the mean of (the logarithms of) these ratios.

## ARRA

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ARRA fund is authorized for administrative costs. This is standard. They have been doing this since I was in the Trust Territory government in 1969 until 1978," Fitial told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview at a Covenant Party gathering in Susupe for the party's delegate candidate, Joseph N. Camacho.

The IPS contract is for 18 months.

"Everybody should be happy with that contract because the government does not pay for it. I'm referring to Mike Ada's contract," he added.

The governor also lashed out at Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan for writing the governor a letter telling him that U.S. Vice President Joe Biden contacted his office to ask for a copy of Ada's IPS contract and other related information.

"Do you believe that?" Fitial asked, adding that it was Sablan who told Biden about the issue in the first place.

Fitial had responded to Sablan's letter, telling him that the governor's office forwarded the documents directly to Earl E. Devaney, chairman of the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board and a former inspector general for the U.S. Department of the Interior.

The governor said he personally know both Devaney and Biden.

CNMI Public Auditor Michael Pai also earlier said the Office of the Public Auditor is investigating the substance of complaints related to the IPS contract.

Sablan is seeking re-election, while Fitial is campaigning for the Covenant Party's delegate candidate, Camacho.

Fitial also responded to criticism on his justification for not putting out a request for proposal. He said Ada is the only person knowledgeable about and capable of ARRA management.

He said those who think they are better than Ada in managing the ARRA program should come forward.

"They should come forth and let's not talk behind somebody's back. Let me see who you are," he said.

He said since the contract award, there has been a lot of interaction between IPS and federal agencies on the ARRA program.

"There's a lot of interaction already between that office and federal agencies, and they're congratulating Mike Ada," he added.

Ada's business partner in IPS, Jose Padilla, is a former executive at Red Rock LLC, which bagged an ARRA contract when Ada was still the CNMI's ARRA state lead and Commerce secretary.

IPS bagged the no-bid, sole-source contract even before it could obtain a CNMI business license, and shortly after Ada stepped down as Commerce secretary and ARRA state lead.



# Kids treated to 'spooktacular' activities and treats at public library

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The Children of Our Homeland Center was jam-packed Saturday morning as children of all ages flocked to the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library for its Halloween Storytime.

About 50 children, along with their parents, participated in the public library's Halloween celebration that featured storytelling and candy bag making for the trick-or-treat part of the program.

Library assistant Celina Foreman and Motherhead Fatherhead program coordinator Bryan Manabat served as storytellers for the children.

Foreman and Manabat read the books *Pumpkin, Pumpkin* by Jeanne Titherington, *Heckedy Peg* by Audrey Wood, and *By the Light of the Halloween Moon* by Caroline Stutson and Kevin Hawkes.

After the storytelling, the children were given time to make their candy bags designed with various Halloween symbols like pumpkins, ghosts, and spiders.

The children then fell in line

to receive their candy treats from the library staff.

Patricia Ramangmou brought her three daughters, 8-year-old Elicia, 7-year-old Christine, and 4-year-old Trisha to the library to take part in the activities.

"I believe it's important for them to visit the library even during Halloween because it helps expand their learning while having fun at the same time. They get to meet and socialize with other kids, too," said Ramangmou.

Doca siblings Rita, Ronald, Rose Ann, and Ruth also took part in the library's Halloween celebration on Saturday.

Rita, 15, said they were dropped off by their father Ronnie so they can have fun at the library.

Eleven-year old Ronald said he likes Halloween because it's "scary and fun."

Ruth, 7, and Rose Ann, 9, said they like Halloween because they get to wear pretty masks.

Children's library associate Erlinda Naputi told *Saipan Tribune* that she is pleased with the good turnout of their Halloween Storytime.



Children, along with their parents and library staffers, show Halloween-themed artwork they created after taking part in a Halloween story time at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library in Susupe Saturday morning. HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

"We're glad that families came to the library and availed of the various programs and activities that we have to offer," she said.

Naputi expressed her appreciation to the Library Friends who donated money to buy the candies for the children on Halloween.

Formed in 2001, Library Friends provides support to the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library and helps promote literacy on Saipan.

## Public Health Liaison Office relocation

In order to better streamline the Bureau of Environmental Health's services, the Department of Public Health will be relocating the Public Health Liaison Office that is presently located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Afetnas Center to the BEH's main office building N-8 in Navy Hill, effective Nov. 10, 2010,

Wednesday. Again, please be advised that all alien health and food handler certificates will be issued at the new PHLO location starting Nov. 10.

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## BEFORE THE COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

### REVIEW OF COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION'S WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES

DOCKET 09-2

### AMENDED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** THAT at 1:00 p.m. on November 16, 2009, the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission [Commission] will conduct a public hearing and regulatory workshop at the Senate Chamber in the Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building on Capitol Hill to receive evidence, argument, discussion and public comment on the following regulatory matters concerning the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation [CUC] and on such other regulatory matters as may arise. For the convenience of the public, a second public hearing will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday November 18, 2009 at the Chamber of Commerce conference room, which is located on the first floor of the Family Building, Garapan Street, Garapan.

#### 1. FY10 CUC water and wastewater rate increases.

The Commission will examine whether it would be prudent and necessary to increase CUC's water and wastewater rates effective December 1, 2009. This examination will occur within the context of the following recent events: a) By order dated June 20, 2009, the Commission directed CUC to increase its wastewater rates by 173.4% in two equal phases - effective July 1, 2009 and September 4, 2009. CUC supported this rate increase and cautioned the Commission that failure to implement the increase would materially impair its ability to comply with its duties under the Federal Stipulated Order [Federal Order] dated March 11, 2009, in *USA v. CUC and CNMI*. Nevertheless, CUC failed to implement the wastewater rate increase. b) The Federal Order, as modified by EPA, directed CUC on or before October 1, 2008 to prepare and submit for Federal approval an interim financial plan, which would, in part, establish its need for rate relief during each of the next three years in order to comply with federal requirements for the restoration of its water and wastewater systems. On or about September 26, 2009, CUC filed an interim financial plan for federal review and approval. Federal authorities have determined that the plan does not satisfy the Federal Order's requirements, which are material to the Commission's determination of CUC's need for additional rate relief in the current fiscal year [FY10]. c) CUC has failed to provide the Commission with material financial information, which is necessary for the Commission's regulatory consultant [Georgetown] to accurately quantify CUC's need for additional water and wastewater rate relief in FY10. d) By initial report dated October 21, 2009, Georgetown advises that based upon available information, additional water rate relief of 51% and additional wastewater rate relief of 184% in FY10 would be necessary to enable CUC to meet the requirements of the Federal Order. Georgetown cautions, however, that these estimates are subject to revision, if and when, CUC provides essential delinquent financial information and further when a federally approved interim financial plan has been crafted and adopted. A follow-up Georgetown report will be filed with the Commission on November 4, 2009. e) By rate order dated September 3, 2009, the Commission found that substantial inefficiencies in CUC's billing and collection system and in its service rules cause unreasonable expenses and lost revenues, which if corrected would reduce the need for increases to CUC's water and wastewater rates. CUC was directed to immediately commence an assessment of these inefficiencies. The Commission awaits a status report from CUC on the status of this assessment.

#### 2. Water and wastewater lifeline rates.

Georgetown recommends in its October 22, 2009 summary report that in the event the Commission decides to implement additional FY10 water and wastewater rate increases effective December 1, 2009, interim lifeline rates should also be established effective December 1, 2009 for CUC's low income water and wastewater customers. The details of these lifeline rates will be contained in Georgetown's November 4, 2009 supplemental filing.

#### 3. Synchronization of Commission's regulatory activities with Federal Order.

By order dated September 2, 2009, the Commission directed Georgetown to review CUC's interim financial plan, as required by the Federal Order and: 1. recommend a process by which the Commission should examine CUC's need for rate relief during the three year term of the interim plan; 2. identify material deficiencies in the interim plan; and 3. recommend essential components in CUC's financial management plan, as required by the Federal Order, which will be necessary to enable CUC to comply with the Federal Order. Federal authorities have requested the Commission's input on these matters toward the objective of synchronizing Commission and federal regulatory activities related to the Federal Order. At the hearing, the Commission will review Georgetown's report on this matter, which will be filed on November 4, 2009.

**COPIES OF THE** March 11, 2009 Federal Order, CUC's September 26, 2009 interim financial plan and Georgetown's October 22, 2009 summary letter are incorporated herein by reference and are available for public inspection at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's website ([www.saipanchamber.com](http://www.saipanchamber.com)) under its *Public Utilities* tab. Georgetown's subsequent November 4, 2009 reports, as discussed herein, will also be posted on the Chamber website for public inspection and will also be available for public inspection at the Chamber's office.

**THE COMMISSION WELCOMES THE PUBLIC'S ATTENDANCE** at the November 16 and 18, 2009 public hearings and will welcome public comments at the conclusion of the hearings. Persons who desire to formally participate in the hearing pursuant to 4 CMC § 8409(j) should on or before November 9, 2009 file with the Commission at the Chamber's office an application and offer of proof in accordance with §8409(j) and Commission Procedural Rule 11(c). Subsequent to the public hearings, the Commission will conduct a special business meeting at 5:00 p.m. on November 20, 2009 at the Chamber's office to consider and make decisions regarding matters considered at the public hearing. Further information about the public hearing and the public's right to participate may be obtained from Commissioner Kyle Calabrese at 670-233-7150.

**HARDT EYE CLINIC**

**November is American Diabetes Month**

**Please take a moment to take this simple quiz in recognition of American Diabetes Month.**

### QUESTION #1 True or False

**1. Having diabetes isn't really a serious problem.**

**\*False: "Diabetes causes more deaths every year than breast cancer and AIDS combined. Two out of three people with diabetes die from heart disease or stroke."**

**\*Source:** American Diabetes Association

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# Chamber meeting, election on Wednesday

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will have its general membership meeting this Wednesday, Nov. 3, at the Sandcastle of the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

The Chamber will also conduct elections for the 2011 board of directors at the meeting.

The main speaker at the meet-

ing will be Rep. Ramon S. Basa, chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means. Basa was part of a group of representatives who, during the recent budget crisis, resisted attempts to impose new or increased fees and taxes without any research, without public hearings, and without input from the business

community.

"Recently, some tax and fee bills have been re-introduced, and we are in the process of scheduling a time for experts to meet with the Legislature — so this is an incredibly timely opportunity to hear from [Basa]," said Chamber executive director Kyle Calabrese.

## MPLT sues 2 to collect \$59,000 debt, interest

The Marianas Public Land Trust has sued two persons who allegedly refused to pay \$59,563.26 in debt and accruing interest.

MPLT, through counsel Robert T. Torres, sued Clarissa M. Fejeran and Watson Sam for breach of contract, conversion, and unjust enrichment.

Fejeran and Sam are now reportedly in Guam.

MPLT asked the Superior Court to order the two to pay the amount, attorney's fees, and court costs. MPLT requested the court to order that the real property given as security for the promissory note be sold and

that the proceeds of the sale be applied to the balance due on the judgment.

Fejeran and Sam obtained from MPLT a loan of \$65,000 on July 13, 1998. Torres said the two have not made the monthly installment payments as they became due. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

## Man sues for car accident

A man has sued the driver of the car that hit his vehicle and an insurance company.

Thomas S. Salas sued Ok Song Chang and Moylan's Insurance Underwriters International Inc.

It was not clear whether Salas is the Department of Public Works building code inspector who is facing charges in federal court for allegedly extorting money from a printing press owner.

Salas asked the Superior Court to order the defendants to pay him damages and court costs.

According to the complaint Chang, a citizen of Korea, no longer resides in the CNMI.

Registration and lunch will begin at 11:30am, and the meeting will begin at 12pm. The

meeting is \$15 for members, \$20 for guests of members, and \$25 for the public. *(PR)*

around and stop facing the opposite direction.

The impact resulted in injuries to Salas and his vehicle was severely damaged.

The Department of Public Safety investigated the incident and concluded that Song was at fault.

According to Song's friend, Cho Jin Koo, Song has already moved back to Korea.

Plaintiff has no knowledge of Song's location in Korea and is unable to serve him.

Pursuant to the coverage in this policy, plaintiff is entitled to recover against Moylan's Insurance an amount equal to any judgment secured against Song. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

On Jan. 20, 2010, Salas was traveling north along Beach Road aboard his 1998 Ford Ranger and had turned left turn to Micro Beach at the three-way intersection when he was nearly hit by a white van heading east that did not wait for him to finish making the left turn.

Song immediately followed the van and also did not wait for his turn to cross the intersection.

Salas tried to avoid Song's vehicle but Song failed to yield to the right of way and struck the front and right side of Salas' vehicle.

The force of the impact caused Salas's vehicle to turn

## Accomplished in just two years

### Helping our economy through these tough times:

- ☒ Recovery Act: \$100m+ awarded in NMI so far
- ☒ 375 jobs created or preserved
- ☒ \$8.3m emergency funds to cover PSS October payroll
- ☒ Immigration transition: kept visa waiver program for Russian and Chinese tourists: \$58m to our economy
- ☒ MVA seat on National Travel and Tourism Board
- ☒ \$13m in credit for small business start-ups

### Improving health care:

- ☒ Health care reform has major benefits for NMI:
  - Medicaid triples: \$158m over ten years
  - Consumer protections: no lifetime limit or loss of coverage when ill, same rates for women and men, children covered up to age 26
  - \$1m to police unreasonable insurance rates
  - at Governor's option: health insurance premium subsidies for low-income families
- ☒ For our Man'amko
  - \$250 to help with expenses in 2010
  - 50% discount on brand name drugs starts in 2011
  - Free preventive care for low-income seniors
- ☒ \$1.5m Medicaid boost in FY09 and FY10
- ☒ \$768,000 Medicaid bridge funding for ½ of FY11
- ☒ Children's Health Insurance doubled to \$1.2m
- ☒ Tinian Health Center: \$380,000
- ☒ Saipan Health Center planning grant: \$80,000
- ☒ Recovery Act funding for medical referrals

### Helping those most in need:

- ☒ Food Stamp annual increase: \$2m
- ☒ Legal Services funding: \$180,000
- ☒ Making Work Pay tax credit: up to \$400 for individual, \$800 for couple (\$11m to NMI)
- ☒ \$250 payment for 2,570 seniors & disabled in NMI

### Building infrastructure:

- ☒ Clean Water Fund upped to \$5.2m for FY10
- ☒ Safe Drinking Water Fund upped to \$6.1m for FY10
- ☒ \$4.8 million reprogrammed for drinking water
- ☒ Recovery Act sewer/water funding: \$3.5m
- ☒ Recovery Act Energy funds \$30m for home weatherization, CUC efficiencies, reducing dependence on foreign oil
- ☒ \$200,000 earmark for Garapan Public Market

### Investing in education:

- ☒ Recovery Act: \$40m for PSS
- ☒ Recovery Act: \$4m for NMC
- ☒ Pell grants rise: up to \$5,550 per year; 980 NMI students now qualify
- ☒ NMC College Access Grant: \$7.5m
- ☒ US Military academy slots doubled
- ☒ Refaluwasch, Chamorro language: \$250,000
- ☒ Northern Marianas Trade Institute: \$200,000
- ☒ Library of Congress surplus books project brings 10,000 books to NMI school and public libraries
- ☒ \$100,000 earmark for school textbooks
- ☒ \$200,000 earmark for Joeten-Kiyu Library repair
- ☒ Brought Education Secretary Arne Duncan's "Listening and Learning" tour to NMI

### Restoring pride in the NMI:

- ☒ NMI educator nominated, chosen by President Obama for Asian American Pacific Islander Commission
- ☒ H. Con. Res. 199 passes honoring Echo Company
- ☒ H. Res. 1027 passes — 50th Anniversary of Trieste dive in the Marianas Trench
- ☒ Active membership in Congressional Asian American Pacific Islander, Hispanic caucuses
- ☒ CNMI seal added to the ceiling of the House Chamber in US Capitol
- ☒ Floor statements honoring the Ret. Reverend Bishop Tomas Camacho, Manta Rays Concert Band, the late Francisco Ada, the late Dr. Rita Hocog Inos, Pale Antonelli, Angel Ray Tudela Guerrero, Beautiful! CNMI and Friends of the Monument, and other NMI notables
- ☒ H.R. 934, restoring submerged lands to NMI, passes House unanimously

### Protecting our island environment:

- ☒ H.R. 3511 — Marianas Trench Marine National Monument Visitor Center
- ☒ H.R. 4686 — Rota National Park feasibility study
- ☒ Recovery Act: \$2.9 m for Laolao Bay coral reef
- ☒ Kagman Watershed funding: \$4.15m irrigates farms, protects coral from run-off
- ☒ \$220,000 earmark for marine education

### Keeping you informed:

- ☒ Regular Town Hall meetings
- ☒ Weekly e-kilili newsletter
- ☒ District offices/staff on Rota, Saipan, and Tinian
- ☒ Website: [www.sablan.house.gov](http://www.sablan.house.gov)
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## Autonomous agencies owe Fund over \$31M

Independent and autonomous agencies now owe the NMI Retirement Fund over \$31 million in unpaid employer contributions, according to Fund board of trustees chair Sixto Igisomar.

Of the amount, \$24 million is reportedly owed by the Public School System and Northern Marianas College, a portion of which may be shouldered by the government.

During Thursday's board meeting, Fund administrator Richard Villagomez reported that because of the court mandate for a new employer contribution of 30 percent for government agencies, the unpaid obligation is seen to rise if these autonomous agencies continue to fail to remit their contributions.

Early this year, the Fund

formed a task force to closely monitor and pursue collection of these unpaid contributions.

As of September, PSS remains with the highest unpaid obligation, totaling over \$18 million. Both PSS and the Fund have yet to reconcile their records.

Fund legal counsel Viola Alepuyo disclosed that an upcoming meeting with PSS is set within this month to reconcile records and discuss payment plans.

Saipan Tribune learned that NMC, as of last month, had the second highest debt of about \$6 million, a significant portion of which will be shouldered by the central government to ensure that the college retains its accreditation.

Other agencies that have un-

paid obligations to the Fund include CUC.

Recently, the Fund sued the

Tinian Municipal Treasury for the nonpayment of its obligation and a payment plan is being worked out with the agency. (Moneth Deposa)

## Revised NAP schedule for the release of food stamp benefits

Nutrition Assistance Program benefits will not be issued on Nov. 2, 2010, Election Day, as it has been declared a CNMI legal holiday.

The recipient households with last names beginning with letters I to M, originally scheduled for issuance on Nov. 2, 2010, will be issued on Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010. Below is the revised schedule for benefit issuance for November 2010. Due to the government's reduction in work hours, benefits will be issued beginning at 9am.

■ Nov. 1	Monday	C/E - H
■ Nov. 2	Tuesday	Closed (Legal holiday: Election Day)
■ Nov. 3	Wednesday	I - M
■ Nov. 4	Thursday	Closed (Legal holiday: Citizenship Day)
■ Nov. 5	Friday	Closed (Austerity Friday)
■ Nov. 8	Monday	N - R
■ Nov. 9	Tuesday	S - Z
■ Nov. 10	Wednesday	A - B/D
■ Nov. 11	Thursday	Closed (Legal holiday: Veterans Day)
■ Nov. 12	Friday	Open day



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## Flashback

**A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES**

**Nov. 1, 1999**

### Teno to look into economic reports

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio vowed to consider various proposals made by two recent economic reports on the Northern Marianas as part of his administration's efforts to spur business activities on the island. But he refused to comment on the recommendation by an economist of Bank of Hawaii that CNMI must prepare now for an orderly transition when federal labor and immigration laws are extended the island. "We have so many economists and we agree with some of them," he said in an interview. "They do provide inputs." The Bank of Hawaii last week released its latest economic forecasts on the CNMI, citing slight growth in the local economy for the next two years. The bank comes out with the report every two years.

### Hotel ordered to give 90-day work extension to alien worker

Federal Judge Alex Munson on Friday ordered the Saipan Grand Hotel to extend the employment contract of a Filipino worker for at least 90 days pending result of investigation being conducted by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or EEOC. Munson issued the preliminary injunction against Saipan Grand Hotel acting on a request from EEOC, which is investigating the hotel's alleged discriminatory treatment of Alisanre Angeles, a gardener. Angeles' work contract expired last month, and the hotel management has given him a notice of nonrenewal. EEOC claimed Saipan Grand refused to renew Angeles' contract because he had cooperated with the commission during an earlier investigation of the hotel's alleged discriminatory policies.

**Nov. 1, 2000**

### Fitial: Franks bill a real threat

House Speaker Benigno R. Fitial yesterday raised alarm anew on legislation in the U.S. Congress depriving the CNMI of its trade privileges, saying the islands face a "very real threat" of being defined as a foreign country under federal law. The measure, known as the Franks bill or the "Made in the USA Label Defense Act," would take away the CNMI's duty free importation of goods to the mainland in addition to barring use of the "Made in USA" label despite the islands' status as a United States territory. In a statement, Mr. Fitial cited recent efforts as the latest evidence of the "increasingly desperate tactics being used to strong-arm this legislation in the waning days of the 106th Congress."

### CPA to air concerns in U.S.-Japan open skies talks

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is expected to express its frustrations over limited nonstop air transport services to and from the islands when the United States and Japanese governments convene in Tokyo for the bilateral talks on open skies agreement. This was learned from CPA Board Chair Roman S. Palacios who will head the Commonwealth's four-man delegation to the discussion on open skies agreement between the U.S. and Japan middle of November. In an interview, Mr. Palacios said four representatives from the ports authority will be sent to Tokyo, Japan to dialogue with aviation officials from both U.S. and Japanese governments and airline companies on November 15-19, 2000.

**Nov. 1, 2001**

### NMC student enrollment improving

The Northern Marianas College is slowly rising above a four-year slump in overall student enrollment with its Academic Year 2000-2001 figures showing a mere one percent decline from the previous year. As opposed to AY 1999-2000's six percent dip from AY 1998-1999, the latest data is an improvement in registration figures, an NMC report indicated. A newly-released Academic Report prepared by the Office of Institutional Development reveals that the NMC registered 1,484 students from Fall 2000, Spring and Summer 2001 semesters as compared to the 1,502 noted for AY 1999-2000.

### Saipan garment workers resume in-house training

After a temporary lull, managers and selected personnel from the various garment companies on Saipan were back in the training room yesterday for the continuation of an intensive training program aimed at better acquainting them with safety and health standards. The 12-week training seminars under the Saipan Garment Manufacturers Association's Code of Conduct were to be held every Tuesday starting last July 2 and would have concluded last Sept. 25.



## LEADERSHIP *you can count on.* REPRESENTATION *you deserve.*

*As your Delegate, I can work with the local CNMI leaders. When Federal, CNMI and Municipalities work together it will improve the lives of our people.*

*As your Delegate, I have the educational and professional background to make sure the CNMI is taken seriously and our unified voice is heard clearly in Washington, DC.*

*The United States promised economic prosperity.  
As your Delegate, I will hold them to that Promise.*

*-Joseph Norita Camacho*

### *Education: "Today's students are tomorrow's workforce"*

- Prioritize the educational needs of our children by earmarking funding to go directly to teachers and classrooms for our children
- Maximize Vocational/Technical Certification Programs for High Schools & NMC to foster a sustainable work force

### *Economy: "Breaking down the barriers"*

- Defend and expand the CNMI's unique tax system to encourage and attract businesses to invest in the CNMI
- Remove restrictions to allow businesses to grow and invest in order to create jobs for our people
- Leverage the authority of the US Congress to bring more airlines to the CNMI
- Protect and preserve our islands' environment to ensure continuation of our tourism industry
- Minimize and abolish federal taxes on imports and exports to alleviate the high cost of commodities
- Aggressively pursue the people's rights to waters adjacent to our islands that rightfully belongs to the CNMI and her people
- Remove obstacles to affordable and reliable health care

**PLEASE VOTE #2 ON THE BALLOT**



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## JOSEPH NORITA

**for U.S. DELEGATE**





# Opinion

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## I vote, therefore, I am

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To vote or not to vote, that is the question. Not.

For tomorrow, it is *suffragio ergo sum*, I vote, therefore, I am. The voter, the citizen. This was not a status afforded the womenfolk less than a 100 years ago. Suffragists and suffragettes were frequently hauled to jail for suggesting that the "fairer" sex might actually be politically equal to the male!

In the representative democratic space, voting is the *sine qua non* of responsible citizenship. Not to exercise this right is not to have any rights at all. Since the logistics of direct democratic participation is not quite in place, electing a representative in our stead is the best form of getting one's voice into the public discourse. Or, at least, that's how it is supposed to work.

This Thursday this week is Citizenship Day in the CNMI. What better time to exercise our being?

The percentage of registered voters in the United States is no more than 60 percent of those qualified to vote, and only half of us bother to vote in presidential elections; two-thirds ignore the mid-term elections. For the allegedly most democratic country in the world, less than half of those qualified to vote do so.

In a recent GED test, the question was asked: In a democratic society, how important are elections? An actual answer: *Very important. Sex can only happen when a male gets an election.* The under-20 test taker is not Asian and she will breed!

We are not a functioning democracy. *We the People* is a minority opinion. The plebian voice has gotten even less democratic as the halls of Congress now depend more on corporate financing for political campaigns than on voters' support. With the recent Supreme Court decision that recognizes corporations to be with a personae, guaranteeing a right to free speech and the protection thereof, campaign financing has gone berserk for both established parties this midterm elections, and even for the resurgent citizens' tea party movement.

Further, the skill that sells us the virtues of lemonade and lemon cars, diapers and derivatives, pomegranate and porn are now being used to mentally massage the direction of our voting. Elections have become a marketing exercise to vent our anger, cultivate our fears, parade our ideals, or sugarcoat our intentions, in the service of getting someone into office. The real has been replaced by smear, the authentic with plastic, and the genuine with tepid brine. And that is when a campaign is doing good! It has now been shown that election time in the national scene is when we lie about the state of public indebtedness, overstate the condition of our coffers, *mas o menos*, and callously engage in fierce character assassination. Election as a hallmark of democracy carries within itself the seeds of its own contradictions. It is quite literally preceded by Halloween!

Nonetheless, I vote, therefore, I am.

When I found out that travel plans made it cost effective to move earlier than anticipated, and that I would not be on island on Tuesday the 2nd, I called the Commission on Election to inquire on the process of securing an absentee ballot. I was leaving on one of those unholy early morning international flights and on the day prior to departure, I thought getting an absentee ballot was just a matter of going to the Commission's office.

The Commission moved earlier this year from Capital Hill to the old passport office in Susupe. The lady on the phone was friendly

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## The minimum wage: The noose that keeps strangling us

The other day I attended a meeting with the U.S. General Accounting Office staff where the effects of "Wages, Employment, Employer Actions, Earnings, and Worker Views since Minimum Wage Increases Began" were discussed. The report is lucid and the presenters were quite knowledgeable. But I walked away with a feeling of frustration and sadness that the CNMI is still clinging to the noose that keeps strangling us. The longer we cling to the concept of a minimum wage and make that a basis for payment for our labor force, the longer we will stagnate. We cannot seem to grasp the idea that a person should be paid what he/she is worth.

As I read through the GAO report, it mentioned that our government objects to some of its findings. It strongly recommends that any minimum wage increase be delayed. It claims that by raising the minimum wage the economy can only get worse. But I cannot help feel the hypocrisy of the government in all of this. How can the government justify paying its public sector employees way over the minimum wage and not the private sector?

Until our government realizes that our people are the workers who make things happen and are the ones that build an economy, we will never become prosperous. The government must stop insulting us workers both in the public and private sector. We have been abused and tricked for many years. Consider the most recent occasion when the government shut down. Did you government workers enjoy being called "non-essential?" If I am "non-essential" why was I hired? Am I a joke or a pawn just to pay off a debt for voting for some elected official? This is the kind of arrogance that destroys morale and a nation!

Signs of blatant hypocrisy by the government started as far back as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Legislature when it passed Public Law 3-33. Here are a few choice words: "Resident workers shall be given preference in employment in the CNMI. Non-resident workers shall be employed only as necessary to supplement the available labor force."

Included in that law was Section 11, which mandated an apprenticeship training program. But this was never carried out. Oh, by the way, that law was passed in 1982!

After many years of tampering with labor laws, resulting in making them more confusing and less appealing to resident workers, on June 23, 1993, Public Law 8-21 was signed. Its purpose was "to amend the Minimum Wage and Hour Act (2 CMC, Division Chapter 2) to increase the minimum wage; attract indigenous people towards the private sector employment; eliminate the occupational exemption for construction workers; set a special minimum wage for exempt occupations; create a wage and salary review board;..."

Here is a quote from the governor's letter attached to the bill when he signed it into law on June 1993: "Passage of H.B. No. 8-

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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146 will undoubtedly benefit our people in the Commonwealth. We will sincerely strive to carry out the good intent of this bill so that: indigenous people and permanent residents will be attached to private sector employment: the burden of an increased cost of living will be eased; and better skilled workers will become available. The legislation also shows that we are serious in making reforms where reforms are needed, and where such reforms are well-thought out and beneficial to all the people of the commonwealth."

Now read this interesting quote in the same bill: Section 2. Findings. The Legislature finds that raising the minimum wage is necessary to: a) meet an increase in the cost of living; b) attract indigenous people and permanent residents to private sector employment by relieving the disparity between the prevailing wages in the public sector and those in the private sector...."

Very notable remarks in both quotes, don't you agree? Workers should be motivated by them. But look at what happened to the promises!

This law also stated that the minimum wages would yearly be increased until 1999 when they would become \$4.25 per hour! This law seemed to show sincere appreciation and understanding of the employment situation in 1993. But what happened a mere six months later?

Six months later, on Dec. 20, 1993, the same governor signed Public Law 8-34, titled, "To amend Public Law No. 8-21; ..." It postponed all wage increases. This was followed by P.L. 10-66, which provided a wage increase across the board of 5 percent only to government workers. By 1999, the minimum wage was to have become \$4.25 an hour. Only now 11 years later is it finally at \$5.05, which began in September 2010. What happened to all the glowing and noble promises to workers?

There have been over 40 laws that have tinkered with laws and regulations concerning minimum wages since 1983 to 2009. The problem became more complex when the first garment factory, the Commonwealth Garment Factory, opened in October 1983. As the number of factories increased to 36, more and more nonresident

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# Futturon Famaguonta

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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**A**gupa' na haane eleksion delegadon Marianas para i Congresson Estados Unidos de America. Sumen impottante haye para ta elihe sa' mau'udai gi botun miyu areglon futturon famaguonta.

Mampos chatsaga i tiempu ya siempre mas oppan este na pinadese para megai na familia guine. Atan gi hilu silensiu yan antau na hinassomu haye i propiu na kandidatu mauleg para i pueston iya Washington.

Guaha esta ta lie' i taya' bidaña lau batbaru mamaisen talu ni botun konfiansa. Guaha ha' mama' asuli (sa' gai tinatte) kada ratu ha tulaika pattidaña. Gi halom todü i kuattro, unu kabales kumomple sustansian edukasion (hana' fan ma-eduka todü famaguoña ya man-magradua gi koleho) si Jesse C. Borja. Estague kabales kumomprende sustansian edukasion gi famaguonta siha. Guiya solu kabales na modu kumu saina ni pumega primera impottante edukasion famaguoña kumu i mas maug' na rekueddu ginen dos saina.

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workers flooded our CNMI.

Our leaders became deluded into thinking that cheap imported labor would make us prosperous without having to work. Let the cheap nonresident workers slave and we will enjoy the benefits. As a result local workers were totally neglected. Who wants to work for such low wages? Who wants to learn a skill or profession? The result is where we are today—a depressed and unmotivated labor force with no skills.

Please explain how you and I benefit from all the foreign investments made. Please explain the benefits we locals receive today in the way of jobs and amenities. How many of us are hired? Of course, more people are hired by the government as it continues to become bloated. And we have seen the devastating results of this over-hiring just a few weeks ago. Is this the type of benefits we want and need?

Why doesn't the government pay its employees a minimum wage of \$5.05? The budget wouldn't have to be so high then. But of course this will never happen. It's only us on the outside and the nonresident workers that have to endure the injustice of a minimum wage. I am not stating that everyone deserves a higher wage. But it is sad when qualified people are lumped into a category called the minimum wage.

The whole problem boils down to the amount of wages we are willing to pay, to whom we pay and why we should pay these wages. As a result of not settling this chronic problem, thousands of our families are on welfare and others are leaving our beautiful islands while our brighter brains are not returning after they finish their higher education.

And in all of this our government doesn't want to see the hypocrisy they are engaged in concerning workers. I pray that we will wake up and become skilled in the various trades and professions. Then, and only then, we will see our economy prosper.

I have stated the following often and will continue to shout it from the rooftops:

OUR NATION'S STRENGHT LIES IN THE WILLINGNESS OF OUR CITIZENS TO WORK. WE MUST CONTROL OUR OWN ECONOMIC DESTINY. WE MUST BECOME TRAINED AND SKILLED WORKERS. AND WE MUST BE PAID A DECENT WAGE BASED ON ABILITY. WHEN THIS HAPPENS WE WILL BE THE ENTREPRENUERS AND THE INVESTORS OF OUR NATION. THEN WE CAN WALK WITH OUR HEADS HELD HIGH—WITH RESPECT AND DIGNITY FOR OURSELVES.

The complicated problem of labor issues cannot be resolved in such a short article as this. But if I can make us think about the necessary changes, it will have served its purpose. We must let the government know that being a worker is a noble job and must be respected.

Regardless whether we are a resident or nonresident worker, a fair wage must be paid. Take away the noose and we will prosper. The more money people have to spend, the bigger the economy will grow. Our government must be our motivator, not our abuser. It's as simple as that. Check it out!

Guiya fumama na i relasionta yan America gaige gi hilu kontratan i Covenant. Lau ti todü lumie' este sa' man-tinane huegon politika ya mamalefan ñailhon hafa gaige gi inakonfotman i Covenant.

Ha gacha' hit induktu pagu sa' mampos chafleg i kinalamten ekonomiata. Yangin guaha dinidamu, atan hafa pinadesisimu pagu. Ennau ha' 'nai un' ebalua kau un' mirese mana' famadesi ginen dis-kuidon man-ma'gas iya Marianas. Si Yuus Maase'!

## Taya' fondu gi kaha

Este i taya' fondu gi kahan iya Marianas, palu siniseden siglu. Mientras tantos, mediü diskuidun man-ma'gasta ni humafot ilun niha gi halom unai. Taya' sensian inadahe taimanu un' saina gi famaguoña siha.

Ta fafana' diariu mampos didog ni chinatsagan familia. Deste apas obligasion yan nesessidat familia mampos man-inaminasa nu i taya' fondu gi kahan gobietnu. Todü obligasion familia man-abarambabau pagu pot ginen dinitenen pagamientu.

Kulan mohon guaha bela lau ni unu tumuñgu haye matai yan manu guatu i lisayon linahyan.

Mafondu un' batku gi un' taduñg tasi. Lumaila huyuñg mediü pidason chandia. Estaba guihe un' chaka na kada ratu ha gulusune i mames na sensin deste talu' sige papa' gi fondu.

## Letters to the Editor

# Thank you

Please allow me this venue to thank the board of directors of the CNMI Council for the Humanities and their staff for presenting me with this year's award for excellence in the preservation of CNMI history. The Manhattan Project Symposium and Memorial Ceremony would not have been possible without their support.

Thanks also go to Mayor Ray Dela Cruz of the Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan, Sen. Jude Hofschneider, chairman of the Tinian Legislative Delegation, Patrick Manglona, chairman of the Tinian Municipal Council, and the staff at the Mayor of Tinian's Office. Again, without their full support the Manhattan Project Symposium and Memorial Ceremony would not have been successful.

Similarly, the project could not have been successful without the support of the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino, IT&E, the Northern Marianas College, and the Marianas Visitors Authority.

A word of gratitude must also go to Dr. Roger Meade, John Coster-Mullen, Nancy Bartlit, James Peterson, Professor Andy Giles, Gen. Howie Chandler, vice chairman U.S. Air Force, and Maj. Gen. Douglas Owens, vice chief of staff, Pacific Air Forces, for taking time away from their busy schedules to visit Tinian and participate in the conference. Again, without their participation, the symposium and memorial ceremony would not have been successful.

I would be remiss if I did not also acknowledge CNMI Delegate to Congress Gregorio "Kilili" Sablan for not only participating in the conference, but also recognizing the need for action to mitigate the impact of the military buildup on Tinian. The final environmental impact study on the Marianas Islands Range Complex makes it clear that the North Field Historic Landmark will be closed several times per year for military exercises. During those closures, visitors to Tinian will not be allowed to see the Atomic Bomb Pits at North Field or other sites within the National Historic Landmark boundaries. As a result, Congressman Kilili introduced into the U.S. Congress H.R. 6380, which authorizes "the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the National Park Service, to establish an annex in Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as an extension of the American Memorial Park located in Saipan." This Tinian Annex will not only provide visitors to Tinian with a high quality visitors center to represent the reality of North Field when the NHL is closed to the public, but will also become a major tourist attraction for visitors to Tinian and save the Commonwealth

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and helpful. It was nine in the morning and the bureaucratic wheels can churn the papers by the end of business day for general delivery to the post office. *Why the delay*, I politely queried when I got to the office. OPA up the hill needed to sign in. There were two ladies in the Commish office at the time so one had to initiate the paper trail; the office vehicle was experiencing mechanical difficulties. After listening to the perfunctory narration on how difficult it was going to be to accomplish the task before the end of business day, we finally got the nod that the office will get it done, but that delivery was not going to be to my CK P.O. Rather, I would have to ascend to the Capital branch. Not used to this kind of efficiency in our public offices, I did my part and hired a car for the day to get things done. Capital Hill P.O. closes at 3pm and I was told to be there by

Inabisa nu i paluma na ekahat papa' gi fondu 'sino hinatme hanom i botin lasas chandia ya achamatmos i dos. Ti ume'ekuñgog i chaka ya kada ratu ha kanu i sensin. Uttimoña ha danche ni kalagtos nifeña i fondu ya mama' madog. Duru halom i hanom. Gumupu i paluma ya sige i chaka' umesalau, "Paluma, paluma, namaudai-yu gi dodole'mu sa' matmos-yu."

Mapos i paluma, matmos i chaka 'nai mafondu i lasas chandia. Hafa moralidat este na estoria? Muñga ma-ambientuye. Na' sahñge dididi 'sino mamadese hau gi oran mattiempu". Estague' ta padedese pagu.

■■■  
'Nai man-mamatmos hit pinadesen tiempon eskases, todü gastota guaha mas inadahe sa' apenanas sinsiyu gi pottanmonedata. Kontodü sindalu ni bumisita mañainan niha mas metgot sensian inadahe.

Era, umasoda' dos sindalu ginen Luta ya madisidi para u fanunu gi kanton unai. Humanau i dos para i tenda sige man-ayeg fina' katne. Masoda un' boniton paketen katnen guaka lau taigue papet presiu.

Ilegña i unu: "Pare, faisen fan i tenderu kuantu baliña este na balutan katne?"

Maagañg i tenduru ya mafanue. Ilegña: "Oh, you mean this meat?" Uma'atan i dos sindalu ya ilegña i unu: "Dios mihu, mit baliña este na katne? Polu dialu!"

millions of dollars that would have to be spent providing and maintaining a similar facility at local expense.

Again, my thanks to the Humanities Council for the award and to the Tinian and CNMI leadership for their support.

Don A. Farrell

Marpo Heights, Tinian

# Being indigenous

Dear CNMI Descent for Self-government and Indigenous Rights:

I am so appalled and disgusted by the one-page ads printed in the newspaper in the last few days. I am so offended by these ads. I am shocked at how blatantly racist and small-minded the ads are. I am *so* afraid that there are people out there who truly believe in this bigotry.

I am only half indigenous. Does that mean I am nothing to you as well? My husband is a foreigner, so my children are only a quarter indigenous, does that mean they deserve less respect?

Being indigenous should not be the only thing that makes a person worthy to be counted in this society. That should be the last thing on this list. How about being honest and truthful? How about performing a job with fidelity and commitment? How about doing the right thing for all of society not for just a chosen few?

These people whom you so degrade have been the foundation of our island since we opened our doors so many years ago. They built the very infrastructure we depend on. They have built our homes. They have taught us in schools. Many of these people raised us while our parents worked. Now these same people raise our children for the same reasons. They clean our houses, yards, farms, and road sides. They report our news and deliver it too. They feed our animals and sometimes even us. They nurse and doctor us when we are sick and ailing. They spend time caring for our manamko, even more than we do sometimes. They are our family. They are our friends. They are our children's friends. They are all of these things, yet they have no voice.

Stop making this election about race. *This election must NOT be decided by racism and fear.*

*The person who wins this election MUST represent ALL people of the CNMI; not just Chamorros and not just Carolinians; ALL PEOPLE.*

Leila Fleming Aldan Staffler

Kagman II, Saipan

2:30pm. When it was almost to the hour, I got antsy and reluctantly called the office. The lady apologized but the Lt. Gov's office did come through with a delivery vehicle. Sure enough, Uncle Eloy's office vehicle drove into the parking lot just before the P.O. window was readying to close. While it was cutting it too close to the chase, we got the wherewithal to vote.

We take for granted voting as a matter of course. In other places, if people do vote, they still have to be belligerent about registration, polling, counting, reporting and validating integrities. Irregularities abound in places like the Philippines. It seems, if press accounts are to be taken seriously, that the integrity of the ballot, e.g., the NI in the last poll, has appearance of being compromised.






Voting flaws do not negate its gifts. I look forward to the near future when texting, Internet exchange, and the digital networks will be seconded in the service of gauging instant public opinion. The wherewithal for participatory democracy is in our pockets. Until formalized, however, for now, I vote, therefore, I am.



Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 87° ▼ 77°	▲ 87° ▼ 77°	▲ 87° ▼ 77°	▲ 87° ▼ 77°	▲ 87° ▼ 77°

### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 87 ▼ 79
Palau	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 78
Yap	Partly Sunny	▲ 88 ▼ 78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 84 ▼ 77
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 87 ▼ 75
Kosrae	Rain	▲ 89 ▼ 77
Majuro	Mostly Sunny	▲ 84 ▼ 77

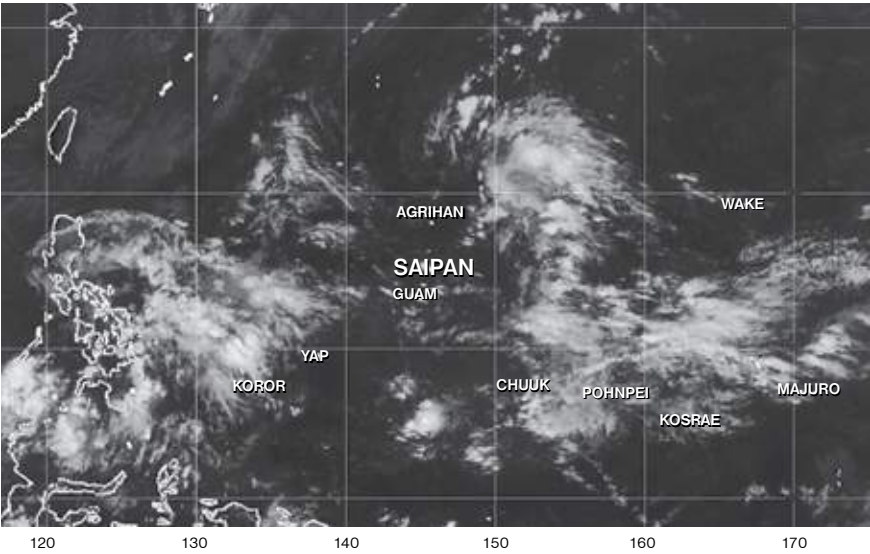
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲ 64 ▼ 53
Beijing	Sunny	▲ 56 ▼ 31
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲ 79 ▼ 57
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85 ▼ 73
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 53 ▼ 49
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 79 ▼ 58
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 86 ▼ 76
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 62 ▼ 47
Miami	Mostly Sunny	▲ 85 ▼ 73
New York	Sunny	▲ 51 ▼ 36
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲ 65 ▼ 52
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲ 60 ▼ 46
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲ 58 ▼ 43
Rome	Rain	▲ 68 ▼ 56
Salem	Showers	▲ 66 ▼ 54
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲ 72 ▼ 58
Seoul	Sunny	▲ 50 ▼ 35
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲ 66 ▼ 53
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲ 55 ▼ 40

### Tides

Saipan Harbor			
1:40 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
8:43 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
3:47 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
10:06 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2010**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

An upper-level low is centered northeast of the CNMI at 20N148E. Upper-level divergence east and southeast of this feature is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms east of the CNMI between 25N and 17N from 150E to 157E as well as northeast of Chuuk within an area bounded by a line from 16N155E to 10N157E to 10N150E back to 16N155E. A surface trough runs southwestward from 15N147E to beyond 130E at 7N. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found northwest of Koror and Yap within an area bounded by a line from 16N130E to 13N139E to 5N130E back to 16N130E. Another surface trough stretches southeastward from 10N152E to 2N157E. Scattered showers are located just east of Chuuk between 10N and 3N from 152E to 157E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms northwest of Majuro within 170 miles of a line from 14N158E to 9N169E. Scattered showers are found north of Majuro within 60 miles of a line from 8N171E to 12N174E as well as east of Majuro within 60 miles of a line from 8N175E to 9N180.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:13 AM	5:48 PM
Tuesday	6:13 AM	5:48 PM
Wednesday	6:14 AM	5:47 PM
Thursday	6:14 AM	5:47 PM
Friday	6:14 AM	5:47 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	1:01 AM	1:45 PM
Tuesday	1:58 AM	2:29 PM
Wednesday	2:56 AM	3:14 PM
Thursday	3:55 AM	3:59 PM
Friday	4:55 AM	4:47 PM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2010									
DEPARTURES					ARRIVALS				
<b>SAIPAN-GUAM</b>					<b>GUAM-SAIPAN</b>				
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily		C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily	
C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6		C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6	
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7		C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	
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## Letters to the Editor

## Poster is but one way we honor servicemen and women

In his letter to the editor on Oct. 29, 2010, Mr. Ray Agulto raised concern that the Pacific war was not included among the conflicts listed on the 2010 National Veterans Day poster. Mr. Agulto asked me to look into the matter, which I have done.

According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Congressional Affairs the list on the poster is intended to be a representative sample of the conflicts in which the different branches of the armed services played a significant role. While only a few of the battles fought over our nation's 200 years could be placed on a single small poster, I understand that may be little comfort to the veterans who served, or the families of service men and women who lost their lives, in a conflict not listed on the poster and who may feel forgotten.

I would like to say that no one who has served has been forgotten. And on this Veterans Day, which the poster commemorates, we will honor and remember ALL.

However, honoring veterans goes beyond one poster and one day of remembrance. We honor veterans every day we live in freedom, exercising the rights granted to us by the Constitution and defended

by all those who serve in the armed services past and present.

As a nation, we also honor veterans in the way we care for them, and in what we provide for them and their families after their service is completed. This Congress has been especially committed to veterans and has enacted a number of laws to improve their lives.

The Post-9/11 G.I. Bill, we enacted, is giving veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan an opportunity to pursue a four-year college education, or pass that benefit on to their spouse or child.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 included a payment of \$250 to eligible veterans and survivors to help make ends meet. I have co-sponsored legislation to make the same payment again and expect a vote when we return to work in Washington on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act provided the Department of Veterans Affairs with a stable and steady source of funding. This ensures the VA will be able to meet the health care needs of veterans and their families today and in the future.

The Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of

2010 addressed the unique health care needs of women veterans. It also recognized the caregivers of wounded and disabled veterans, providing access to training, mental health counseling and respite care. Some caregivers may qualify for a monthly stipend, travel assistance, and access to VA health care.

And we passed legislation providing a \$2,400 tax credit to employers who hire unemployed veterans.

Here in the Northern Mariana Islands we now have a Veterans Affairs Outreach Clinic, so our veterans no longer have to travel to Guam for primary health care. The VA has also identified local providers who will be able to accept referrals, making it easier for veterans to get the treatment they need here at home.

Access to a benefits counselor should also improve with the new commitment by the VA to have a counselor travel to each of our islands on a regular basis to meet with veterans.

At my request, the Secretary of Defense will be required to look into providing a full-service exchange store here in the Northern Marianas, which will benefit both veterans and those on active or reserve status.

All of this work for veterans in the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress helps. But I know there is more to be done. And I will not forget that our nation's commitment to all veterans is for a lifetime.

To all veterans—my heartfelt thanks for all you have done for our people and our country. God bless.

U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan

## Who is Kilili representing?

In the months leading up to the delegate election, we have been inundated with Delegate Kilili's self-promotional advertisements and press statements. Kilili took credit for anything the federal government did, mostly routine matters that he had nothing to do with. It has been equivalent to taking credit for the sun rising. ("And if you don't re-elect me, the sun will go away!") The last volley has been Kilili's attempt to take credit even for Wal-Mart's shipping policies.

Meanwhile, there is something important Delegate Kilili and his supporters are missing: under the Covenant, the federal government is obligated to help the CNMI. While Kilili's supporters are falling over themselves in gratitude for any scraps we receive from the federal government, a wiser attitude would be to question whether the federal government is really helping us enough. Let's not be grateful for any scraps we receive, but let's hold the feds up to a higher standard, the one that we negotiated in the Covenant. If anyone takes credit for assistance from Washington, it should be those who negotiated the Covenant, and not Kilili.

It is telling that Kilili considers himself too important to cooperate with the CNMI's government. Indeed, he usually pits the interests of the federal government against the interests of the CNMI and its elected leaders. We must ask: is Kilili our representative in Washington, or Washington's representative here?

Juan Diego Camacho Blanco

As Lito, Saipan



This U.S. Delegate Election will chart the course of the future for everyone residing in the CNMI, including Filipinos.

As members of the CNMI Filipino community, we know we need a leader who will prioritize the CNMI's interests in the U.S. Congress. We know that Joe has the welfare of the people at heart.

This is why we are supporting Joe Camacho for Delegate. We invite all our friends in the Filipino community to join us in voting for Joseph Norita Camacho.

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/s/ OSCAR M. BABAUTA Secretary, Dept. of Public Lands	/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN Director, P&S	



## Letters to the Editor

# Vote no on the pension obligation initiative

House Legislative Initiative 17-1 authorizes the government to issue pension obligation bonds. These are just a way of borrowing money that will have to be paid back. The government would issue these bonds, get money for them and use the money to pay the debt it owes the Retirement Fund.

Here's why I oppose the HLI #17-1.

1. You can't borrow your way out of debt. This "solution" is not a solution but a masquerade that will only disguise the real problem. And it could make the CNMI's debt worse, as it removes the constitutional protection that limits public debt to 10 percent and allows bonds to an unknown and unfixed amount.

2. It is foolish to think this is a tool "just in case." If we approve pension obligation bonds, the government will issue them. This is not just a back-up plan—it is the crutch that the government is look-

ing for—while it refuses to look for other solutions. Give it this crutch, and the government will stop trying to fix the problem.

3. There are other choices. The government's debt to the NMIRF is growing every day by 9 percent interest on the judgment. That interest rate is set by CNMI law! Why haven't our legislators reduced the post-judgment interest rate? This simple change would easily save the government hundreds of thousands of dollars a year. Of course, we must still come up with revenue-generating measures to pay the NMIRF—but borrowing money is not a revenue-generating measure, because that money must be repaid.

4. There is no plan or thought for how pension obligation bonds would be repaid. When they must be paid in 30 years from now, those holders of the bonds will be able to collect their debts by taking over our public land and other government resources. The CNMI's land and public assets will be owned by the bondholders, not the people of the CNMI.

5. Pension obligation bonds do nothing to fix the causes of the NMIRF problem—and that means the problems will continue to worsen.

What caused the problem is a retirement plan that did not have

enough contributions to support it and allowed for greater withdrawals and benefits than it could afford. What contributed to the problem is a government that did not pay what it was supposed to pay and that even borrowed the NMIRF money for other purposes like the Guma Hustitia.

If you vote for the pension obligation bonds, we can expect the Legislature will again try to increase benefits to retirees (themselves in particular); will again propose to allow people to withdraw from the system without penalty. The pension obligation bonds will not fully fund the retirement system, and the CNMI government will continue to not pay what it is supposed to pay. The NMIRF will continue to flounder. The government will raid the money it generates with the pension obligation bonds. And in 30 years, our children and our grandchildren will see the bondholders take over the CNMI.

If we're going to owe money (which we do), it's better we owe the retirees themselves, while we make our government look for real solutions.

**Jane Mack**

*San Vicente, Saipan*

## Desperate

I have never seen a more desperate party in my life. The Covenant Party program that they showed Monday night was a slap in the face to all intelligent voters on the island. Just look at who they had on the panel: two men with federal criminal records. Does this make you wonder just how creditable they are? Just what is the connection between the governor and the convicted crooks on the island? Does he not have any supporters who have not been in trouble with the law?

Look at the tent they set up next to the early voting station. I may be wrong, but I do not recall that it matters who owns the land. The intent of the law was to keep anyone from campaigning within 300 feet of the voting place. Where are the feds? This is a federal election. They should be making sure that all the rules are being followed.

Have you ever noticed that, when a candidate gets desperate and knows that he cannot win on the issues, he starts a smear campaign? Do not let all the smearing and mud throwing influence how you vote. Look very carefully at the candidates. Look at their backgrounds. Which of them is a man of honor? Which of them will work for all the people and not just for a select few people? Which of them will stand up and be counted when the going gets tough? Then go out and vote for the one that you feel best about. Remember that no one knows whom you vote for. So you have no reason to vote out of fear of reprisals from anyone. But please vote with your intelligence. Not the old party or family line. That is what got us into the mess we are in now. Governor, the last time I checked, you are supposed to be the governor for all island residents. Why is it that you come on TV and speak Carolinian and do not translate for the rest of us? It was bad enough when you had a meeting for Carolinians only to prepare your reply to the Department of the Interior.

**Frederick Prosser**

*As Matuis, Saipan*

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/s/ AMBROSIO T. OGUMORO  
Acting Commissioner, Dept. of Public Safety

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
Director, P&S

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/s/ AMBROSIO T. OGUMORO  
Acting Commissioner, Dept. of Public Safety

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
Director, P&S

## Refalúwasch Community for Joseph Norita Camacho



Ow siya tiptiyew sibwe botali Joseph Norita Camacho  
bwe ii mille eghi fil ebwe mwoghutaghali me atew  
tipasch mellol Iimwal Congressol America.

Ow siya botali Joseph Norita Camacho.

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## House Legislative Initiative 16-13

House legislative Initiative 16-13 proposes to amend Article III, section 20 of the NMI Constitution. The legislature has found that as a result of the declining economy and the increase in retirement benefits for its members as listed in their findings, the CNMI government has been unable to make necessary contributions to the Retirement Fund. The result of the CNMI government's diminished contributions has resulted in the Retirement Fund not being fully funded. Accordingly, the legislature finds that it is necessary to prevent the CNMI legislature from increasing benefits to members of the Retirement fund until the CNMI government has either satisfied its obligations to the Fund or the system is fully funded.

### Pros:

- This initiative attempts to ensure the protection of the current benefits that the Retirees and active members have and expect.
- By ensuring that the legislature cannot increase benefits to the retirement fund, the government's liability will not be further increased.
- This amendment attempts to prevent further harm to the Retirement fund from the pressure of providing greater benefits to its members.

### Cons:

- This proposed amendment doesn't allow for the "what if situations" when benefits in certain areas may need to be adjusted or increased.
- The initiative doesn't define what satisfying government obligations means and therefore, it leaves room for interpretation as to when benefits can be increased.
- The initiative allows for new benefits to retirement members once either obligations have been satisfied or the system is fully funded, however if obligations have been satisfied but the Retirement fund is not fully funded, new liabilities could be created.

House Legislative Initiative 16-13 ha propone para u amenda i Attikulu III, gi seksiona 20 gi Konstitusion NMI. I leyeslatura ha sodda' na komu i resutta na tumutunuk i ekonomia yan kumahulo' i benefisio gi ritiru para i miembro-ña siha komu malista gi sinedda'-ñiha, i gobietnamenton CNMI hagas ha' ti ha na'siña fuma'tinas i kontribusion siha guatu para i Fondon Ritiru. I resutta gi gobietnamenton CNMI mumenus i kontribusion siha ni ha na'annok gi halom i Fondon Ritiru na ti kabâles mafondo. Sigun, i leyeslatura ha sodda' na nisisâro na u atâha i leyeslaturan CNMI kontra u ma'umenta i benifisio siha para i todû i miembron i Fondon Ritiru estaki i gobietnamenton CNMI ha pat ha na'satisfecho i obligasion siha para i Fondo pat i sistema u mana'kabâles fumondo.

### Fumabot:

- Este na initiative ha chagi na para u na'siguru i proteksion i prisente na benefisio siha na i ritirao yan i manmachocho'cho' na miembr siha manggai yan ma'ekspekta.
- U mana'siguru na i leyeslatura ti siña ha hâtsa i benefisio siha para i fondon ritiru, i liability gi gobietnamento ti u masigi mahâtsa.
- Este na amendasion ha chagi para u atâha mäs i tinailayi para i fondon Ritiru ginen i hineño' gi prinebibiyi mäs benefisio para i miembro-ña siha.

### Kinentra:

- Este i mapropone na amendasion ti ha sedi para i "Hâfa yanggen i sichuasion" yanggen ngai'an i benefisio siha gi palu na manera siña manesisita para u na'mâolek pat u hâtsa.
- I Initiative ti ha defina i hâfa muna'satisfecho i obligasion i gobietnamento siha ayo na rason, na nina'i kâmpo para u mapula' komu para ngai'an nai siña ma'umenta i benefisio siha.
- I Initiative ha sedi para i nuebu na benefisio para i miembron i ritiru siha un biâhi pat i obligasion siha na mansatisfecho pat i sistema mafondo kabâles, lăo yanggen i obligasion mansatisfecho lăo i fondon Ritiru ti mafondo kabâles, i nuebu na liabilities siña mafa'tinas.

House Legislative Initiative 16-13 ekke pomwoli ebwe siweli Article III, Talil 20 mellôl Allegh Lapalap. Sôw Fféérul Allégh nge ebwal schuungi bwelle weiresil reel ekkonomia me sássáril benefisio ngáliir membro kka re elo llól lista, CNMI government nge esáál kke ato-toolong salaapial llól Retirement Fund. Bwelle igha ese kke ghówutá salaapial gobenno, ebwal kke aweiresi fundool Retirement Fund. Schéschéél, Sôw Fféérul Allégh e schuungi bwe e pirisisu bwe CNMI legislature ebwe amweri fischí sássáril benefisio ngáliir membrol Retirement Fund, ngáre schagh CNMI government e féérú yaal tarabwaagho reel ebwe abwóssuw me bwuley yeel aa aghówulong salaapial.

### GHATCHÚL:

- Plóono yeel ebwe alughulugh bwe aa yoor ammwelil benefisio ye ighila igha membrol Schóóy Aséésé (Retirees) me schóóy angaang kka ighila.
- Ngáre re alughulugh bwe sôw fféérul allégh essóbw sárághi benefisio ngáli retirement fund, bwángil gobenno nge essóbw lapaló.
- Lliwel yeel ebwe afelli Retirement Fund bwe essóbw yoor fitighoghol bwelle sássáril benefisio ngáliir membro.

### NNGÓWAL:

- Pomwol ssiwel nge essóbw lighiti ngáli ("what if situations") ngáre benefissio mellól akkáaw bwuley re tipeli ebwe ssiwel (adjusted) mesássár.
- Plóono yeel nge ese apasa meeta weweel "satisfying government obligation" me bwal eew, aa yoor atol aweewe, ileet schóóy benefissio rebwe sássár.
- Plóono yeel ebwe alisiir schóóy benefissio kka re fféélong llól membrol retirement ngáre schagh aa yoor salaapial me aa ghówulong salaapial system, bwal eew ngáre obligation yeel e abwósóló nge Retirement fund ese ghówulong fundool, ebwe yoor eew angaangal ye e ffé.





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## House Legislative Initiative 16-18

House Legislative Initiative 16-18 proposes to amend Article XI, Section 5(g) of the CNMI Constitution to authorize the Department of Public Lands to use up to twenty percent of its revenue to pay and satisfy land compensation claims; and for other purposes. The legislature states that the CNMI government has taken land from owners for public purposes such as roads and highways and has yet to reimburse over 100 land compensation claims. The legislature further states that it is the Department of Public Lands that receives money from public land leases, permits and other uses. Therefore because of this role, DPL should use twenty percent of its revenue to pay and satisfy land compensation claims as provided by law.

### Pros:

- The proposed amendment attempts to ensure that land owners who have not been compensated for their land claims will be compensated.
- By requiring DPL to use 20% of their revenue to pay land compensation, the central government's liability will decrease.
- This provision identifies a source of money that is related to public lands to be used for payment for private lands that have been acquired for public use.
- It ensures a continued stream of money to Marianas Public Land Trust by limiting the amount that can be used to satisfy land claims to twenty percent of the revenue.

### Cons:

- Although the provision authorizes the possible use of income from public lands, it does not require that such income be used or that any land compensation claim actually be paid.
- Requiring DPL to use 20% of their revenues for land compensation reduces resources that could be used for its operations.
- This proposed amendment will affect the amount of money that is put into Marianas Public Land Trust every year.
- The proposed amendment does not limit land compensation claims from being addressed by DPL and not the central government.

House Legislative Initiative 16-18 ha propopone na para u amenda i Attikulu XI, Seksiona 5(g) gi Konstitusion CNMI na para u áturisa i Dipattamenton Tano' Publiku na para u usa más hulo' ki i bente pot sientu gi apas kontribusion-ña para u apási yan u na'satisfecho i land compensation claims; yan para otro manera siha. I leyeslatura ha sangan na i gobietnamenton CNMI ha mañule' tano' ginen i mandueño para uson publiku siha tát komu chalan yan highway siha yan siempre ha nana'lo más ki 100 land compensation claims. I leyeslatura más ha sangan na i Dipattamenton Tano' Publiku siha na ha risibi saláppe' ginen i manmanatkikila tano' publiku siha, permits yan otro usu siha. Pues ayo na i che'cho' i, DPL debi na u usa i bente pot sientu gi apas kontribusion-ña para u apási yan u satisfecho i land compensation claims komu mapribeniyi ni lai.

### Fumabot:

- I mapropone na amendasion machagi para u mana'siguru na i dueñon tano' siha ni ti manma'apási para i claim tano'-ñiha siempre manma'apási.
- Ginen i dinimandan i DPL na para u usa 20% gi iyon-ñiha revenue para u ma'apási i land compensation, i central government's liability na para u tunok.
- Este na probension ha aidenfika i hale' saláppe' ni u machule' yan i tano' publiku siha ni para u ma'usa para ápas i private lands ni manmachule' para uson publiku.
- Ha na'siguru na ha kontinua i stream of money para i Marianas Public Land Trust ni ha mimidi i kantidá ni siña ma'usa para u satisfecho i land claims para i bente pot sientu gi revenue.

### Kinentra:

- Maseha i probension ha áturisa muna'pusipbli i ma'usan i suetdo ginen i tano' publiku siha, ti ha nisisita i guaha na suetdo para u usa pat ni háfa na land compensation claim gi minagáhet na para u ma'apási.
- Dinimanda i DPL na para u usa i 20% gi iyo-ña na revenue para i land compensation ni ha ribáha i resources ni siña ma'usa para i operasion siha.
- Este i mapropone na amendasion para u inafekta i kantidá na saláppe' ni mapo'lu gi Marianas Land Trust kada sákan.
- I mapropone na amendasion ti minidi i land compensation claims kontra i mayá'hon-ña ginen i DPL yan ti i central government.

House Legislative Initiative 16-18 ekki pomwoli ebwe siweli Article XI, Talil 5(g) mellól CNMI Allégh Lapalap igha ebwe ngálleey bwángil Department of Public Lands (Bwulasiyool Faluweer Toulap) ebwe yáali twenty percent salaapial ebwe abwóssuw me asefáali salaapial falúw kka rekke tingór; me bwal akkáaw pomwol. Sági Sów Fféérul Allégh nge ekki apasa bwe CNMI government e bwughi faluweer aramas bwelle wiiseer toulap (public purposes) sibwe ira yaal me esáál kke asefáali ngáliir aramas salaapial falúweer iye ebwe yoor ebwughúw schóoy tingór. Sów Fféérul Allégh (Legislature) ebwal sóbweey yaal kke apasa bwe Bwulasiyool Faluweer Toulap (Department of Public Lands) e ghal bwughi salaapial falúweer toulap (Public Land) ikka e ghal akkilaalo, lisensia me akkáaw angaangal. Iwe bwelle igha yaal angaang, DPL ebwe yááyá twenty percent salaapial reel ebwe abwós me asefáali salaapial falúweer aramas ikka rekke tingór igha e alléghewow.

### GHATCHÚL:

- Pomwol lliwel yeel ebwe alughulugh (ensure) bwe salaapial falúw kka falúweer aramas ikka resáál abwóssuw nge rebwe asefáali ngáliir.
- Ngáre re mweiti ngáli DPL ebwe yaali 20% salaapial igha ebwe abwós me abwóssuw salaapial falúw, bwángil central government essóbw lap.
- Aweewe yeel ebwe ghut salaapial iye eghil ngáli falúweer toulap (public lands) bwe ebwe abwóssuw private lands kka toulap rekke yááyá.
- Ebwe alughulugh bwe ebwe sóbwósóbw toolongol salaapi llól Marianas Public Land ngáre re afelli llapal abwóssul faluweer toulap ye rekke tingór sági twenty percent.

### NNGÓWAL:

- Bwelle igha bwángil aweewe yeel ebwe yáali salaapial public lands, nge ese pirisisu rebwe yáali salaapial me alongal land compensation (abwóssul faluw) ebwe abwós.
- Ngáre re mweiti ngáli PDL ebwe yáali 20% salaapial reel abwóssul falúw, e fischelitiw resources (alillis) ye emmwel rebwe yáali ngáli an gaang. (operation).
- Pomwol ssiwel yeel ebwe aweiresi llapal salaapi ye e atotoolong llól Marianas Public Land Trust alongal ráagh
- Pomwol ssiwel nge essóbw aighúgh salaapial falúw kka rekke tingór iye toowow mereel DPL me ese toolong central government.





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## House Legislative Initiative 17-1

This legislative initiative amends Article X of the CNMI Constitution by adding a new section. The new provision authorizes the Commonwealth to issue pension obligation bonds (POBs). A POB is defined as a taxable bond issued by a state or local government that sponsors a pension plan to:

- (1) Pay a portion or all of a pension plan's Unfunded Actuarial Accrued liability (UAAL) which is the present value shortfall between the future benefit owed to employees and the resources available to pay such benefits when due; and/or
- (2) Pay a plan's normal contributions (present value of benefits earned by current employees).

Unlike regular bonds where the proceeds can be used by the state for a variety of reasons, a POB can only be used for the purpose intended. Here, the legislature has found that as a result of the judgment against the government owed to the Retirement Fund, "... it is necessary and proper to resolve the [on-going litigation] by authorizing the issuance of pension obligation bonds to generate revenues immediately which the Commonwealth can repay over time, as the bonds mature, thus lessening the immediate fiscal impact on the Commonwealth."

This proposed amendment allows the CNMI Government to issue a POB to aid in funding the retirement fund. To issue a POB, the initiative provides that the CNMI Government must first determine how much of the UAAL the government is looking to reduce. The legislature limits the amount of the POB by stating it is not to exceed "the Commonwealth's actuarially determined unfunded accrued liability to the Retirement Fund." Accordingly, this initiative seeks to amend the Constitution to allow the CNMI to incur a debt by issuing a POB to exceed 10% of the aggregate assessed valuation of the real property in the CNMI and to authorize the debt to be incurred for investment purposes. Next, the CNMI Government must hire an investment bank (or a group of investment banks) who will try to sell the bond to investors and once sold those bond proceeds will be provided to the Retirement Fund. The Retirement Fund will then invest the proceeds along with their current invested assets with the goal of earning a return on investments that is greater than the repayment interest rate or the borrowing cost. The CNMI Government will then be responsible for making payments on the bond.

Este na legislative initiative ha amenda i Attikulu X gi Konstitusion CNMI ni man'a'yi nuebu na seksiona. I nuebu na probension ha áturisa i Commonwealth para u laknos i pension obligation bonds (POBs). I POB ha defina komu taxable bond ni malaknos ginen i state pat local government ni ini-sponsor siha ni pension plan para:

- (1) Apási palu pat todú i pension plan's Unfunded Actuarial Accrued liability (UAAL) ni prinisenta i bālen i shortfall gi entalo' i mamamaila' na benefisio ni madibi i emple'ao siha yan i resources ni guaha ni para u ma'apási i benefisio siha ni manmadibi; yan/pat
- (2) I naturāt na plānon āpas kontribusion siha (gi presente na presio gi benefisio siha ni magānna ginen i presente na emple'ao siha).

Achuk i regulāt na bonds nai gaige i proceeds siña manma'usa ginen i state para todú klāsen rason siha, i POB siña manma'usa para ma'intensiona na manera. Guini, i leyes latura ha sodda' na komu i resutta ginen i huisio kontra i gobietnamento madibi guatu i Fondon Ritiru, "... ya nisisārio yan propiu na para u masātba i [on-going litigation] ginen i ma'áaturisa i issuance of pension obligation bonds para u fanrikohi ensigidas salāppe' siha ni i Commonwealth siña ha ta'lon umapási chaddek, komu i bonds mature, siempre i menus i immediate fiscal impact gi Commonwealth."

Este i mapropone na amendasion ha sedi i Gobietnamenton CNMI na para u laknos i POB para u inayuda gi fumondo i fondon ritiru. Para u laknos i POB, i initiative ha pribeniyi na i Gobietnamenton CNMI debi na finene'na u detitmina kuānto gi i UAAL i gobietnamento ha a'atan para u ribāha. I leyeslatura ha midí i kantidá gi POB ni ha sāsangan na ti u inipos i "Commonwealth actuarially ni ha detitmina i unfunded accrued liability para i Fondon Ritiru." Sigun, este na initiative ha aligao para u amenda i Konstitusion ni para u sedi i CNMI para u incur i dibi ni para u laknos i POB ni para u inipos dies (10) pot sientu gi aggregated assessed valuation gi i real property gi halom i CNMI yan para u áaturisa i dibi na para u incurred para i hinangain investment siha. Otro, i Gobietnamenton CNMI debi na u fangonne' investment bank (pat gurupon investment banks) anai siña machagi mambende bond para i investors yan komu mabende ayo todú na bond proceeds siempre prinibeniyi guatu gi Fondon Ritiru. I Fondon Ritiru para u invest despues i proceeds yan i iyon-ñiha current invested assets yan i diniseha gi ginana gi despues i investment siha ni takkilo'ña ki ni i repayment interest rate pat i gāston inayao. I Gobietnamenton CNMI para u responsāpble na mafa'titinas i apas gi i bond.

Legislative initiative yeel ebwe siweli Article X mellól CNMI Allégh Lapalap ngáre re aschuulong talil ye e ffé. Aweewe ye e ffé nge e ngálleey bwángil Commonwealth ebwe isisiwow pension obligation bonds (POBs). Faal POB nge taxable bond iye e toowow mereel state me local government iye e amwaschú plóónol salaapi igha ebwe:

- (1) Abwóssuw eghús me ngáre alongal plóónol Unfunded Actuarial Accrued liability (UAAL) llapal ye ese ghówuta ighila leefilal schóóy angaang igha resáal kke abwóssuw me alillis ye ebwe abwóssuw benefits ngáre aa atol; me ngáre
- (2) Abwóssuw schéschéel plóónol salaapi (llapal benefisio ye eyoor mereel schóóy angaang kka ighila).

Ese weewe me regular bond igha essogh tappal aweewe ye ebwe mwir sāngi, POB schagh mille emmwel ebwe yááyá reel meeta re mángi fischi. Igheey, Sów Fféérul Allégh nge aa schuungi bwe mwirilóól aweewel government igha eyoor diibil mereel Retirement Fund, "... e pirisisu me efil rebwe ammwelaaló (on-going litigation) ngáre re kkeyil ngálleey pension obligation bonds bwe ebwe fféer salaapi bwelle Commonwealth ebwe abwós mweteló mmwal, ngáre schagh bond ghatcheló, ebwe mescheragheló weiresil fiscal impact mellól Commonwealth."

Pomwol lliwel nge e lighiti ngáli CNMI Government ebwe atoowowu POB igha ebwe alillisilong salaapial retirement fund. Reel isisiwowul POB, eyoorátá plóóno yeel bwe ipigh CNMI Government ebwe ghuleey fitow UAAL, ye gobenno eke amweri bwe ebwe fischelitiw. Sów Fféérul Allégh nge e fischeli llapal POB, igha eke ira bwe essóbwlulól "Commonwealth actuarially determined unfunded accrued to the Retirement Fund." Schéschéel, plóóno yeel nge eke amweri ngare ebwe siweli Allegh Lapalap (Constitution) igha ebwe lighiti ngáli CNMI ebwe amwela diibil ngáre e isisiwow POB iye ebwe aluulól 10% reel llapal méel falúw mellól CNMI me mweiti ngáli diibi ebwe ammwela kkapasal investment. Bwal eew, CNMI Government ebwe umwumw investment bank (me ngáre mwiischil investment banks) iye ebwe améew ngáli bond ngáli investors me ngáre schagh aa améémé ngáli fáaráághil bond ebwal ayoora ngáli Retirement Fund. Retirement Fund ebwe alailayú salaapial fengál me llapal salaapial ighila me kkapasal (goal) igha eke bweibwogh interest mereel repayment sāngi mwolofit (borrowing cost). Ebwe toowow nge CNMI Government ebwele abwóssuw bond.



## Letters to the Editor

### No to initiative

One of the initiatives we will be voting on this Tuesday, Nov. 2, is Initiative 17-1. This is to amend Article X of the CNMI Constitution by adding a new section to authorize the Commonwealth to issue pension obligation bonds.

The initiative is "...to allow the CNMI to incur a debt by issuing

### We, the people

America is a great nation. Americans are protected by the freedoms of speech and press, the freedom to assemble and to petition the government with grievances, and the right to vote. With so many rights come great duty and responsibility. We have a duty to attend school and a responsibility to make ourselves productive members of society. We have a responsibility to vote and to see that right protected and cherished for all.

America didn't start great. Early America looked much like the old world. The wealth, land, and power were in the hands of a few and the uneducated masses labored in silence. Women were second-class citizens or worse and even after a long bloody war ended the enslavement of African-Americans; it would take another century before all Americans would be guaranteed to the right to vote.

America wasn't always great. The history of Native Americans is evidence of some ugly chapters. America entered the 20th century and not much had changed. Immigrant labor had no protections and industrial barons had become royalty in the New World. The working class was in the exact position of the Third World today. The captains of industry controlled politicians and police like puppets, and two-bit mobsters and their henchmen ruled by fear. Fire a few, threaten a few others, and the scared sheep were easy to control.

Many Americans that could vote do not. Perhaps many are busy with families, picnics, and golf outings while others are too lazy, genuinely don't care, or feel they have nothing for which to vote. When I heard that ballot boxes were being stuffed with early votes I wasn't at all surprised, but I am disgusted by it nonetheless.

Finally, the decent citizens of the Northern Marianas islands earned their right to vote for representation in the U.S. Congress. Even though Governor Fitial exerts undue influence in employment here, including our public schools, it is the responsibility of every U.S. citizen to vote and to protect that right for others, especially their privacy.

America didn't become great because of that stunning red, white, and blue ensign; America became great because of its citizens and whether or not the CNMI becomes a great community will depend on the citizens here. It is each citizens' duty and responsibility to report impropriety in the election process so that we can close the curtain and vote with absolute anonymity; nothing else is acceptable. I hope every registered voter in the CNMI casts their vote Tuesday so that our delegate to the US House of Representatives can boast the highest percentage of voters of any state or territory.

**Ron Hodges**

*Puerto Rico, Saipan*

#### BEFORE THE COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING

The Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission provides public notice that it is considering the adoption of an order, which would establish the annual reporting requirements for designated eligible telecommunications carriers that do business in the Commonwealth and receive federal high cost support. Under federal law, the Commission is tasked with annually certifying these carriers' eligibility to receive federal support for the following year. The proposed order is available for public inspection at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's office at the Family Building, Garapan Street, Garapan and also on the Chamber's website under Public Utilities: [www.saipanchamber.com](http://www.saipanchamber.com).

The Commission invites public comment regarding the proposed order, which should be submitted by either hand delivery to the Chamber's office or by email to [kyle.calabrese@gmail.com](mailto:kyle.calabrese@gmail.com) not later than November 12, 2010. Inquiries regarding the proposed guidelines should be referred to Commissioner Calabrese at the above email address. The Commission also invites public comments on the proposed order at a public hearing, which will be convened at 10:00 a.m. on November 12, 2010 at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's office.

October 25, 2010.

a pension obligation bond to exceed 10% of the aggregate assessed valuation of the real property in the CNMI and to authorize the debt to be incurred for investment purposes."

Do we know what this means? It seems properties of the CNMI are to be used to back the bonds. What happens should we fail to pay the bonds? The bondholders (investors) will be awarded what was pledged—real property. Where? Capital Hill? Navy Hill? Marpi?

Are we willing to do this? If this is acceptable, why then are there people who oppose abolishing Article XII of the Constitution, a restriction on fee simple landownership of private land?

Could it be that since the real property involved is public land, we do not care? There are those who believe that land needs to be preserved for future generation. Certainly what is being proposed contradicts it.

No one knows the future. But, we are not a rich place; we do not have natural resources such as oil or minerals. It seems prudent to be cautious and perhaps look at other ways to resolve what Initiative 17-1 is set up to do.

The least we can do is study the initiatives and make an objective decision—one that is for the common good and includes the future. I think the answer is clear—vote no on Initiative 17-1.

**Efrain F. Camacho**

*Navy Hill, Saipan*

### Not four, but one


It will be great if we can have more than one, perhaps four CNMI delegates in the US Congress: Kilili, Jesse, Juan, and Joseph. And see them all working side by side, striving to do what's best for our islands. They're all good and qualified to do the job. I am very proud that they are all homegrown from our various villages. Solid kulan padit! We would then have excellent representation in the U.S. Congress. Can you imagine that? Four delegates to Congress from the CNMI! Will then that be great? Every one will be working for the good of the islands.

Sadly, we can only have one delegate. Unfortunately we can only vote for one delegate. So looking at all the four candidates running, I have to agree that Juan Nekai Babauta is the best choice and I am voting for him comes Nov. 2, 2010. Remember that he was instrumental in eradicating human rights abuses during the garment factory years in the CNMI. *Enfin serafin.*

**Alexandro "The Colonel" Sablan**

*Dandan, Saipan*


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# CUC cuts down flame trees along Airport Road

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. crew cut down about 20 flame trees along Airport Road on Friday in line with the agency's campaign to secure the safety of citizens and motorists passing the road.

Newly appointed executive director Abe Utu Malae said Friday that the trees were cut down as part of the agency's vegetation and clearing program, which aim is to ensure the safety of the people.

Malae described the situation of the power lines on Airport Road as the worst.

"We have to cut those trees in order to protect people from electrocution because they're touching the power line, which



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. crew cut down about 20 flame trees along Airport Road on Friday.

is very dangerous. We have to keep them down and maybe replant those trees in other areas away from the power lines," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Some citizens have expressed concern about the cutting down of flame trees in the area, but Malae pointed out that, regardless of the kind of trees are at the site, it doesn't make any difference because

people's safety is at risk.

Besides the airport area, Malae said CUC also trimmed the trees in the As Perdido area for the same reason.

He said the agency continues to scout for more areas on island with problem trees.

Last month, a CUC crew also cut down several trees within the Marianas High School ground for the same reason.

## Store employee: Police seized laptops but did not list items

» Judge orders return of seized items, but not the laptops

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A store employee who was released after the Superior Court dismissed charges of drug trafficking against him has demanded the return of his property seized by the police, including three laptops that were allegedly among those confiscated but not listed on the police's receipts.

Yuhua Wang, through assistant public defender Richard Miller, asked the court to issue an order directing the government to return to Wang the property it seized from him in connection with the case. He also sought the release of his passport.

Miller said that Wang's laptop, two laptops belonging to tenants, and one crystal ornament in the shape of a bird were seized by the police but were not listed on government receipts.

Police denied having the three laptops and the crystal ornament in custody.

Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja issued an order Thursday directing the government to return most of the property that Wang claimed the police had seized. He placed under advisement the request for the release of three laptops and the crystal ornament.

The items ordered return to Wang are \$730.40 cash; keys; a leather wallet containing an entry permit, a bank card, a Social Security card, a traffic ticket and numerous other papers; a shopping bag; Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s billings; a Bank of Hawaii account book; a marriage application and record of marriage; a Social Security card for Xue Hua Zhang; and miscellaneous documents.

Wang's case was dismissed on March 18, 2010, together with the case against his co-

defendant, Le Xiang Chen, also known as Old Man.

In the motion to return property, Miller said that on March 1, 2010, police officers executed a warrant to search No. Wang College Store and PC Café in Fina Sisu and any known dwellings of Wang and Chen.

On that day, officers arrested Wang.

Miller said in the course of the search and arrest, the officers seized items as documented by DPS evidence/property custody receipts.

Court records show that on March 8, 2010, the government charged Wang with one count of trafficking of a controlled substance, and one count of illegal possession of a controlled substance.

The charges against Wang arose from an undercover buy operation conducted by the Drug Enforcement Task Force on Feb. 27, 2010, using a confidential informant.

At the Aug. 9, 2010 status conference, the Office of the Attorney General moved to dismiss the case without prejudice (can be re-filed).

Defendants objected and moved to dismiss the case with prejudice (cannot be re-opened).

The government failed to provide, among other items, lab analysis of the alleged controlled substance, and any information concerning the informant.

Chen and Wang asked the court to impose sanctions on the government for failure to disclose the informant. In addition, Wang moved to dismiss the case.

On Aug. 18, 2010, Naraja granted the government's motion to dismiss the case without prejudice. He denied Chen's and Wang's motion for sanctions.



## CNMI Voting Accessibility Survey

### Help us make your voting experience an accessible one!

The Commonwealth Election Commission, together with the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities, and the Northern Marianas College University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, is conducting a survey on voter accessibility. We are asking for everyone's feedback on the voting process so that we can make improvements.

### Why are we conducting this survey?

Through gathering your input, we are working together to improve your voting experience.

**Please give your completed survey to a poll worker at the voting site.**

**CNMI Voting Accessibility Survey 2010**

Please Mark your answers accordingly inside the box provided.

1) Have you observed any voters with disabilities encountering difficulties with voting or with accessing the polling place?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

2) If you are a person with a disability, experience any problems while voting?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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### BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

A double birthday shoutout go out to Jopaz and Maynman, who are still thinking of what to do on their very special day today, Nov. 1! Happy birthday and we wish the both of you many more blessing and joyous birthday to come. Love, the family.



# Man'amko get into the spirit and fun of Halloween



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Aging Center program coordinator Walter Manglona, second left, explains the mechanics of the costume contest to participants during the man'amko's Halloween Bash last Friday.

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REPORTER

The congregates of the Aging Center put on their best costumes and had a good time on Friday to mark the spooky holiday with a celebration dubbed Halloween Bash.

Saipan's *man'amko* participated in exciting contests such as swingin' a miss, pingpong ball race, chacha dance contest, and the much awaited costume contest.

Congregates Maxie Mereb and Joe Torres teamed up to win the chacha dance contest.

The winners of the different costume contest categories were Maria T. Salinas, sexiest

costume; Meryalen Conrad and Teddy Guiao, scariest costumes; Mila Garin, best in original arrangement; Pedro Dela Cruz, funniest costume; Ana Nakatsukasa, most original; and Teresita Sorroza, most colorful.

Salinas, who was dressed in a yellow gold outfit, won the overall best costume prize. She received \$50 cash donated by Aging Center director Rose Mondala.

All other games and costume contest winners received various prizes, including sacks of Calrose rice, salt, cases of soba or noodles, toaster, and coffee maker.

Among those who gave donations to the Aging Cen-

ter were Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan), Rep. Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan), and Joe A. who donated CDs to the *man'amko*.

Palacios and Cabrera both attended the party and participated in some of the games alongside the *man'amko*.

Friday's festivities also acknowledged the twelve birthday celebrators for the month of October.

2010 Saipan Seniors Advisory Council president Teresita Sorroza was pleased with the turnout of their Halloween celebration. "This is the first activity of the senior advisory council and I'm really happy about it.



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Officers of the 2010 Saipan Seniors Advisory Council pose with Rep. Joseph Palacios, right, and Rep. Eli Cabrera, third left. Palacios and Cabrera donated some of the prizes for the games during man'amko's Halloween Bash last Friday.

Everybody enjoyed and had a great time. It was very successful," said Sorroza.

Sorroza expressed appreciation to the two congressmen, the Aging Office director, and

all those who made their donations to make the Halloween Bash a success.



## INVITATION FOR BIDS WATER TASK FORCE IFB11-GOV-007



**Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lieutenant Governor Eloy S. Inos**, through the CNMI Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed bids for the Well Fields Isolation and Water System Improvements in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A bid guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of the Treasury (T-Listed).

The bidder is required to submit with his proposal a copy of his CNMI Business License in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Contractor will be required to submit payment and performance bonds from a US Treasury listed company. The Contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal laws including the Davis Bacon Act.

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the project approval from OIA.

The project consists, in general, but is not limited to:

- Conduct Construction Survey and Staking.
- Construct Permanent and Temporary Erosion Control measures.
- Perform Earthwork and Site Utilities.
- Install Air Relief Valve, Flush Hydrant, Fire Hydrant, fittings, Water System Booster Pump Stations and connections to water mains at various locations.
- Install 6,100 linear feet of 8" diameter PVC C900 distribution line, 70 linear feet of 6" diameter PVC C900 distribution line, 4,410 linear feet of 4" diameter PVC C900 distribution line, and 1,070 linear feet of 2" diameter PVC C900 distribution line including Gate Valves and their connection to the Main Waterline.
- Modification of Existing Water Supply Pipes and other incidentals to complete the work per plans and specifications.
- Chlorination/Washing and Testing of New Waterlines.
- Reconstruction of Asphalt Pavement.

A non-refundable payment of \$500 to CNMI Treasury is required for each set of Plans, Specifications, and Proposal Forms, available on or after October 18, 2010 at the Water Task Force Office, 1316 Anatahan Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan. A mandatory pre-bid conference for this project is scheduled at 10:00 a.m., on November 2, 2010, at the WTF Conference Room, Saipan. A project site visit will be made as a part of the Pre-Bid meeting.

All inquiries shall be in writing and addressed to **Pedro Sasamoto, Program Manager**, Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 or faxed to (670) 664-2279. Inquiries must be received no later than 4:30 PM on November 1, 2010.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, contained in the CNMI Administrative Code, Title 70 Subchapter 70-30.3. Preference is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Sealed bids must be marked **"IFB10-GOV-007"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 3:00 pm local time November 17, 2010. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 3:00 pm local time November 17, 2010, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to [procurement@pticom.com](mailto:procurement@pticom.com). For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than November 17, 2010, and must be received no later than November 29, 2010. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 3:00 pm local time, November 30, 2010. However, if no Notices of Intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 3:00 pm local time on November 18, 2010.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ Benigno R. Fitial Herman S. Sablan  
Governor and Contracting Officer Director, Procurement and Supply



## WATER TASK FORCE



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP 11-GOV-005

#### Project Manager For Water Task Force Projects

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos through the Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed Proposals from qualified individuals or firms for Professional Services for Project Manager for the Water Task Force on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project Scope of Work will be available on or after **October 25, 2010** at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan.

All questions concerning this proposal shall be submitted in writing no later than **4:30 PM, November 1, 2010** to Pedro Sasamoto, WTF Program Manager (facsimile) number: (670) 664-2279.

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior. Award of this project is contingent upon receipt of project approval from OIA.

The proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-305. Preference per Public Law 15-95 as further amended by Public Law 15-118 is not available in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Proposals must be sealed and marked **"Project Manager", RFP 11- GOV-005**. One (1) original and four (4) copies must be submitted. Proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply, at Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **3:00 pm, November 24, 2010 (CNMI local time)**.

The CNMI reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so will be in the best interest of the CNMI. All proposals shall become the exclusive property of the CNMI government.

/s/ Benigno R. Fitial  
Governor

/s/ Herman S. Sablan  
Director, Procurement & Supply



# Benedetto to monitor NMI elections for Justice Dep't

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Benedetto will lead the efforts of the U.S. Attorney's Office in connection with the Justice Department's nationwide Election Day Program for the upcoming Nov. 2, 2010 general elections.

Benedetto has been appointed to serve as the District Election Officer for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands, and in that capacity is responsible for overseeing the District's handling of complaints of election fraud and voting rights abuses in consultation with Justice Department Headquarters in Washington.

"Every citizen must be able to vote without interference or discrimination and to have that vote counted without it being stolen because of fraud," said U.S. Attorney Alicia A.G. Limtiaco yesterday. "The Department of Justice will act promptly and aggressively to protect the integrity of the elec-

tion process."

Eight years ago, former Attorney General Ashcroft established a department-wide Ballot Access and Voting Integrity Initiative. The goals of this ongoing initiative are to increase the department's ability to deter election fraud and discrimination at the polls, and to prosecute these offenses whenever and wherever they occur. The department's long-standing Election Day Program furthers these goals, and also seeks to ensure public confidence in the integrity of the election process by providing local points of contact within the department for the public to report possible election fraud and voting rights violations while the polls are open on election day.

"The franchise is the cornerstone of American democracy. We all must ensure that those who are entitled to the franchise exercise it if they

choose, and that those who seek to corrupt it are brought to justice," Limtiaco said.

In order to respond to complaints of election fraud or voting rights abuses on Nov. 2, 2010, and to ensure that such complaints are directed to the appropriate authorities, Benedetto will be on duty in this district while the polls are open. He can be reached by the public at (670) 236-2980.

In addition, the FBI will have special agents available in each Field Office and Resident Agency throughout the country to receive allegations of election fraud and other election abuses on Election Day. The FBI can be reached by the public at (670) 322-6934.

Complaints about ballot access problems or discrimination can be made directly to the Civil Rights Division's Voting Section in Washington at 1-800-253-3931 or 202-307-2767.

"The effectiveness of our Election Day Program depends in large part on the watchfulness and cooperation of the Ameri-

can electorate," said Limtiaco. "It is imperative that those who have specific information about discrimination or election fraud

make that information available immediately to my Office, the FBI, or the Civil Rights Division." (USAO)

## US Coast Guard Reserve gets underway on cutter *Sequoia*



U.S. COAST GUARD

Lt. Commander Matthew Salas, second from left in front, and YN1 Brandi Klause, third from left in front, join the Guam Coast Guard reserve component after a day underway on the U.S. Coast Guard cutter *Sequoia*.

**GUAM**—The entire Coast Guard Reserve component for Guam stepped aboard the Coast Guard cutter *Sequoia* from Victor Wharf in Apra Inner Harbor on Oct. 24 to get underway for a unique, hands-on experience in daily life aboard the Coast Guard's only 225-foot ocean-going buoy tender in the region.

The 26 Coast Guard reservists, who are stationed at Coast Guard Sector Guam and Coast Guard Station Apra Harbor, got a feel for the shipboard lifestyle, starting with a tour of all the ship's spaces. Some wore coveralls and some wore operational dress uniforms as appropriate for a duty day. However, everyone rolled up their sleeves and stepped out of their normal work environment to take on the duties of cutter crewmembers.

For some reserve members, such as Seaman Robbie Call, getting afloat on a Coast Guard cutter was a first-time experience. Call's first impression of a cutter was realistic and positive, he said.

"Life onboard a cutter isn't for everybody, but if I was active duty I would want to try the underway life at least once on cutters of various classes," he said.

The escorted tour was outstanding, he said. "The BM1 [Boatswain's Mate First Class Geraldine Cabrera] kept us on the mission of learning without overwhelming us. She was very supportive and helpful and provided good mentoring."

Call and his group enjoyed the hands-on instruction, especially on line-handling and mooring, and said the cutter crewmembers reinforced previous classroom instruction by demonstrating to and involv-

ing the reservists in performing shipboard tasks.

The *Sequoia*'s crew used every minute to share their knowledge and personal experience gained from serving on the cutter, teaching about everything from tying knots to the importance of maintaining the ship's freshwater system and answering questions about common experiences of daily life at sea. Call, as well as other reservists, found that it takes more than textbook knowledge of the ship's systems to complete day-to-day missions and work together as a crew.

"I think I'd have to adjust to the environment to become proficient," he said, "but the whole day played out to be very informative and helpful."

YN1 Carisa San Agustin, who has been underway on a patrol boat, was impressed that every rating knew the ins and outs of the ship. "The HS [Health Science Technician] knew all about the exercises, drills, and ship functions, even on the bridge."

The crew demonstrated tasks that require teamwork and repetitive training, such as a man overboard drill that involved the cooperative efforts of the entire crew to ensure safe recovery of a simulated person in the water. It was also a surprise to see how complex evolutions can be,

"A lot of us didn't know what it takes just to get underway and pull away from the pier," said San Agustin, who witnessed and helped with line handling and ship-to-shore connections. "What was pretty fun for me was the DC [damage control] training. I'm always in the office so I never have the chance to fix pipes and do firefighting

training. We really appreciate the [*Sequoia*'s crew] for hosting us," she said.

LTJG Mario Limon, Coast Guard Reserve response officer, took the helm under the guidance of deck officers during a positioning exercise, where the objective is to keep the cutter close to a buoy so that hands-on maintenance can be performed. It's a task of fighting against seas, winds and currents to keep the cutter stationed just a few feet from a 26-foot-high metal buoy weighing close to 11,500 pounds. Limon was surprised at the amount of skill involved in operating the sensitive joystick control to do something as simple as keep the cutter in one place.

LT Jacob Katz, the Senior Reserve Officer on Guam, was pleased with the outcome of the underway event. "This underway training evolution not only challenged our reserve force, but also gave them a greater understanding of the work being conducted outside of their individual rate. I am proud of the high level of professionalism and teamwork conducted by both the active duty and reserve component. The best work practices shared today truly exemplify why Team Coast Guard Guam was selected for the RADM Bennett S. "Bud" Sparks Unit Award for the Coast Guard unit being most supportive of an integrated reserve workforce."

"It was a great experience," said LCDR Matthew Salas, commanding officer of the *Sequoia*. "We look forward to continued engagement in the readiness and training of the reserve force." (USCG)

### INVITATION FOR BIDS WATER TASK FORCE IFB11-GOV-010

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lieutenant Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the CNMI Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed bids for the Installation of Puerto Rico Transmission and Distribution Line, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A bid guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of the Treasury (T-Listed).

The bidder is required to submit with his proposal a copy of his CNMI Business License in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Contractor will be required to submit payment and performance bonds from a US Treasury listed company. The Contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal laws including the Davis Bacon Act.

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the project approval from OIA.

The project consists, in general, but is not limited to:

- Conduct Construction Survey and Staking.
- Construct Permanent and Temporary Erosion Control measures.
- Perform Earthwork and Site Utilities.
- Install Air Relief Valve, Pressure Sustaining Valve, Flush Hydrant, Fire Hydrant, fittings, and connections to water mains at various locations.
- Install 1,500 linear feet of 6" diameter PVC C900 Distribution line and 1900 linear feet of 12" diameter PVC C900 Transmission line including Gate Valves and their connection to the Main Waterline.
- Modification of Existing Water Supply Pipes and other incidentals to complete the work per plans and specifications.
- Chlorination/Washing and Testing of New Waterlines.
- Demolition and Reconstruction of Asphalt Pavement.

A non-refundable payment of \$500 to CNMI Treasury is required for each set of Plans, Specifications, and Proposal Forms, available on or after November 1, 2010 at the Water Task Force Office, 1316 Anatahan Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan. A mandatory pre-bid conference for this project is scheduled at 10:00 a.m., on November 12, 2010, at the WTF Conference Room, Saipan. A project site visit will be made as a part of the Pre-Bid meeting.

All inquiries shall be in writing and addressed to **Pedro Sasamoto, Program Manager**, Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 or faxed to (670) 664-2279. Inquiries must be received no later than 4:30 PM on November 11, 2010.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, contained in the CNMI Administrative Code, Title 70 Subchapter 70-30.3. Preference is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Sealed bids must be marked **"IFB11-GOV-010"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 3:00 pm local time December 1, 2010. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 3:00 pm local time December 1, 2010, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to [procurement@pticom.com](mailto:procurement@pticom.com). For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than December 1, 2010, and must be received no later than December 13, 2010. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 3:00 pm local time, December 14, 2010. However, if no Notices of Intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 3:00 pm local time on December 2, 2010.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

**Benigno R. Fitial**  
Governor and Contracting Officer

**Herman S. Sablan**  
Director, Procurement and Supply



# Business

## Experts say passenger planes also at risk from terror cargo

**LONDON (AP)**—The mail bombs discovered aboard cargo jets in England and Dubai could very easily have ended up on passenger planes, which carry more than half of the international air cargo coming into the U.S., experts say.

And experts caution that cargo, even when loaded onto passenger planes, is sometimes lightly inspected or even completely unexamined, particularly when it comes from countries without well-developed aviation security systems.

About 60 percent of all cargo flown into the U.S. is on passenger planes, according to Brandon Fried, a cargo security expert and executive director of the Airforwarders Association.

New jumbo jets flying in from overseas—like the Boeing 777—have “cavernous” bellies where freight is stored, he said.

Most countries require parcels placed on passenger flights by international shipping companies to go through at least one security check. Methods include hand checks, sniffer dogs, X-ray machines and high-tech devices that can find traces of explosives on paper or cloth swabs.

But air shipping is governed by a patchwork of inconsistent controls that make packages a potential threat even to passenger jets, experts said Saturday. Security protocols vary widely around the world, whether they’re related to passenger aircraft or cargo planes.

That at least two parcels containing explosives could be placed on cargo-only flights to England and Dubai, one in a FedEx shipment from Yemen, was a dramatic example of the risks, but the dangers have been obvious for years, analysts said.

Some Western countries, perhaps belatedly, are trying now to manage the risks.

Britain’s Home Secretary Theresa May said the device discovered early Friday morning at England’s East Midlands Airport was potentially able to explode—and could have been used to bring down a plane. She said the U.K. has now banned the movement of all unaccompanied air freight originating from Yemen.

## Continental offers new iPhone app

**CHICAGO**—Continental Airlines, a wholly owned subsidiary of United Continental Holdings Inc., has introduced a new application for iPhone, iPad and iPod touch users that gives travelers easy access to their travel information.

With the free, full-featured app, Continental customers can book reservations—including reward travel—check-in for flights, have one-touch access to mobile boarding passes and flight status details, and manage their OnePass frequent flyer accounts.

“The Continental Airlines App is another example of Continental’s commitment to technology and innovation that makes travel more convenient for our customers,” said Jared Miller, Continental’s managing director of self-service and emerging technology. “This app provides time-saving, full-featured access to the information that our customers need on the go, as well as other useful tools for travelers such as interactive airport smart maps and flight

updates sent directly to their iPhone, iPad or iPod touch.”

The new app also includes a feed of Continental’s latest postings on Twitter.

Continental will soon expand the accessibility of the application to the Android platform, and is exploring other smartphone options.

The Continental Airlines app is available from the App Store on iPhone, iPad and iPod touch or at [www.itunes.com/appstore/](http://www.itunes.com/appstore/). (Continental)

## Shanghai World Expo ends; drew 72M visitors



A visitor takes souvenir picture in front of the China Pavilion at the Shanghai Expo site Saturday, Oct. 30, 2010. AP

**SHANGHAI (AP)**—China declared its biggest tourism event ever, the Shanghai World Expo, a stunning success Sunday, after introducing a record 72 million visitors to a smorgasbord of cultures and technologies meant to illustrate ideas for urban sustainability.

The massive, six-month event aimed at showcasing China’s rise as a modern industrial power drew mainly local visitors, many of them ordinary folk from the provinces who flooded into the city by the tour busload-full, cram-

ming the city’s hotels, subways and other public places.

They found waits of up to 10 hours for some popular national pavilions, sweltering summer temperatures, long walks and other inconveniences for what could be once-in-a-lifetime direct contact with foreign places and people.

Premier Wen Jiabao praised the fair Sunday as a “splendid event” that “truly brought together people around the globe.”

Highlights included Denmark’s famed “Little Mer-

maid” sculpture, a rooftop cable car ride above a replica alpine meadow at the Swiss pavilion, famous impressionist paintings from the Louvre at the French pavilion, and entertainment by Cirque du Soleil courtesy of Canada.

“Thanks to the expo, people like me who never would have a chance to go abroad can experience the whole world,” said Zou Aiguo, a retiree from central China’s Jiangxi province whose son gave him an expo tour as a present.

# Nation

## Resurgent GOP closes in on House win

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Resurgent Republicans appear poised to capture control of the House if not the Senate on Tuesday in elections midway through President Barack Obama’s term, reaping a rich harvest of voter discontent with the economy and profound public skepticism about the future.

Drawing strength from the clamorous tea party movement, the GOP also is in line to wrest governorships from Democrats in all regions of the country, according to political strategists in both parties and public opinion polls. Big-state races in Florida, Ohio, Illinois and California remain intensely competitive into the campaign’s final hours.

Republicans must gain 40

seats to win control of the House and 10 to take the Senate. A victory in either case would spell the end of a two-year stretch in which Democrats controlled the White House and held comfortable majorities in both houses of Congress.

With unemployment at 9.6 percent nationally and economic growth anemic, as many as 100 seats appeared competitive or ripe for turnover in the 435-member House—a list that included two dozen or more already given up for lost by the Democrats.

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After absorbing thrashings at the hands of voters in 2006 and 2008, Republicans guarded against public displays of overconfidence. In private, though, their debate was not whether they would win a House majority, but the size of the victory margin.

“Ladies and gentlemen, your government hasn’t been listening,” said Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, the Republican in line to become speaker of the House. “Your government is disrespecting you, your family, your job, your children. Your government is out of control. Do you have to accept it? Do you have to take it? Hell no you don’t. That’s what elections are for!” he said at a late-campaign rally in Ohio.

## Soldiers say work helped after Ft. Hood shootings

**MADISON, Wis. (AP)**—For nearly a year in Afghanistan, a tightly knit Army Reserve unit kept the memories of their comrades killed during a shooting rampage Fort Hood close. But not too close.

The Madison-based 467th Combat Stress Control Detachment wore black wrist bands and dedicated field clinics to their fallen friends. At the same, they poured themselves into their jobs, blocking out their grief by helping combat troops deal with theirs.

“It was a relief to be there (in Afghanistan),” Sgt. Kara Kortenkamp said Saturday. “We could sort of throw ourselves into that and focus on that and feel, in a way, normal again, to be working and be productive.”

The 467th, a unit filled with psychologists, social workers

and therapists, arrived at the sprawling Texas Army base on Nov. 4, a day before police say Maj. Nidal Hasan shot 13 people at the base to death, including the 467th’s Maj. Libardo E. Caraveo, Sgt. Amy S. Krueger and Capt. Russell Seager, and wounded dozens more.

Weeks later, the 467th left for Afghanistan. The unit returned to the U.S. days ago and members filtered out to their homes states this weekend.

Kortenkamp, of La Crosse, Wis., appeared at a news conference alongside other members of the 467th unit. Army public information officials barred them from talking about what happened during the Nov. 5 shootings, citing the pending court case against Hasan. He is charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 at-

tempted premeditated murder, and a military hearing to determine whether he will stand trial is to resume later this month.

Shortly after the killings at Fort Hood, the Army provided unit members with chaplains and counselors and offered them the choice of whether to deploy. The unit’s commander, Maj. Laura Suttinger of Fort Atkinson, Wis., said in the end everyone chose to go.

“Throughout our deployment we were able to persist by helping each other along the way,” she said, her voice cracking. “We did all this in honor of our fallen and wounded comrades.”

Once in Afghanistan, 467th members talked about the shootings with each other and in the beginning the work gave them refuge.

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Woman found dead next to Calif. man shot in head

**SAN DIEGO (AP)**—Authorities say a woman found dead in an apartment alongside a man suspected of killing a San Diego police officer was killed by a bullet wound to the head and her death has been ruled a homicide. The San Diego County Medical Examiner said in a statement Saturday that 27-year-old Lucky Xayasene died from a “penetrating gunshot wound to the head,” but did not say who fired the bullet. Police say Xayasene and 30-year-old Holim Lee were found dead Thursday in a bedroom littered with guns, hours after gunfire was exchanged with officers and U.S. Marshals serving an arrest warrant at the apartment. Officer Christopher Wilson was shot and killed. The coroner’s statement did not give a cause of death for Lee, whose family says he served in the Coast Guard but later turned to drugs and crime.

#### Man could face death penalty in Ill. student death

**DEKALB, Ill. (AP)**—An Illinois man may face the death penalty if convicted in the slaying of a college freshman who went missing earlier this month. William Curl is jailed on \$5 million bail in the death of Northern Illinois University freshman Antinette “Toni” Keller. The 34-year-old Curl of DeKalb appeared in court Saturday via closed-circuit TV. He has been charged with first-degree

murder, criminal sexual assault and arson. DeKalb County Judge James Donnelly told Curl about the death penalty possibility in court. The 18-year-old Keller was last seen Oct. 14. Two days later, burned human remains were found in a park near the university in DeKalb, 65 miles west of Chicago. Police haven’t positively identified the remains as Keller’s, but her case is now a homicide investigation.

#### Coroner: Suspected Calif. cop killer killed self

**SAN DIEGO (AP)**—A suspect found dead in his apartment after the killing of a San Diego police officer died by suicide, and a woman found next to him died by homicide, authorities said after an autopsy Saturday. Holim Lee, 30, died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, the San Diego County Medical Examiner’s Office said in a statement posted on its website. Lee and the woman—27-year-old Lucky Xayasene—died sometime Wednesday and their bodies were found in the apartment Thursday, the statement said. The statement said Xayasene also died of a bullet to the head and her death was ruled a homicide, but it did not specify who fired the shot that killed her. The pair were found dead some eight hours after gunfire broke out with police and U.S. marshals serving a pair of warrants for Lee, a former seaman with the U.S. Coast Guard. Police officer Christopher Wilson was shot and killed.



# World

## Yemeni arrested, al-Qaida bomber eyed in mail plot



This undated photo released by the Dubai Police via the state Emirates News Agency (WAM) on Saturday, Oct. 30, 2010, claims to show parts of a computer printer with explosives loaded into its toner cartridge found in a package onboard a cargo plane coming from Yemen, in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. D.

**SAN'A, Yemen (AP)**—Yemeni police arrested a woman on suspicion of mailing a pair of bombs powerful enough to take down airplanes, officials said Saturday as details emerged about a terrorist plot aimed at the U.S. that exploited security gaps in the worldwide shipping system.

Investigators were hunting Yemen for more suspects tied to al-Qaida and several U.S.

officials identified the terrorist group's top explosives expert in Yemen as the most likely bombmaker.

The explosives, addressed to Chicago-area synagogues, were pulled off airplanes in England and the United Arab Emirates early Friday morning, touching off a tense search for other devices.

It still wasn't clear whether the bombs, which officials said

were wired to cell phones, timers and power supplies, could have been detonated remotely while the planes were in the air, or when the packages were halfway around the world in the U.S. But the fact that they made it onto airplanes showed that nearly a decade since the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, terrorists continue to probe and find security vulnerabilities.

## Eerie calm follows big blast at Indonesian volcano

**MOUNT MERAPI, Indonesia (AP)**—Thousands of villagers returned to their homes along the slopes of Indonesia's most volatile volcano Sunday, taking advantage of an eerie lull following its most powerful eruption in a deadly week to check on crops and livestock.

Scientists warned, however, that the notoriously unpredictable mountain could burst back to life at any minute.

On the other side of the ar-

chipelago, deliveries of food and medicine to survivors of a tsunami that killed 413 people in the Mentawai islands were expected to resume Sunday, thanks to a break in weather that earlier brought relief efforts to a complete standstill.

A teenage girl with an open chest wound was among those waiting for help.

The simultaneous catastrophes have severely tested the emergency response network

in Indonesia, which lies in the Pacific "Ring of Fire," a cluster of fault lines prone to earthquakes and volcanic activity.

Mount Merapi, which means "Fire Mountain," unleashed a terrifying 21-minute eruption early Saturday, forcing the temporary closure of a nearby airport and claiming another life, bringing the death toll in one week to 36, said Regina Wijaya, a hospital spokeswoman in the nearby city of Yogyakarta.

about 62 miles (100 kilometers) from Dumont-d'Urville. Heavy clouds obscuring visibility prevented searches by helicopter, so a U.S. Air Force C-17 and an Australian air force plane flew over the site. The Australian plane spotted what appeared to be three bodies Friday evening and dropped survival equipment in case there were any survivors.

### China-Japan tensions ease with informal chat

**HANOI, Vietnam (AP)**—The U.S. declared Saturday it has a national interest in resolving disputes in Asian waters that have ignited regional tensions, as China and Japan attempted to tone down a fiery diplomatic row that has plunged the two countries' relations to a five-year low. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton signaled that the U.S. intended to remain a major power in the Asia-Pacific region, and waded into the spat between China and Japan that began more than a month ago, when a Chinese fishing trawler and two Japanese patrol boats collided near disputed islands. "The United States has a national interest in the freedom of navigation and unimpeded lawful commerce," Clinton said at a summit of East Asian leaders in Hanoi, Vietnam. "And when disputes arise over maritime territory, we are committed to resolving them peacefully based on customary international law."

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Death toll from Indonesian tsunami climbs to 449

**MENTAWAI ISLANDS, Indonesia (AP)**—Disaster officials say the death toll from a tsunami that barreled into several remote Indonesian islands one week ago has climbed to 449. Nelis Zuliastri, a spokeswoman for the National Disaster Management Agency, says the number climbed with the discovery of more bodies in the disaster-zone. A 7.7-magnitude earthquake spawned the towering wave that some witnesses say was more than 18-feet- (six-meters-) high, sweeping away more than 700 homes. Hundreds of villagers were reported missing. But Zuliastri said Sunday the number continued to fall as islanders who had fled to high ground were slowly returning home. She said at least 96 people remain unaccounted for.

#### 4 French confirmed dead in Antarctic copter crash

**ADELAIDE, Australia (AP)**—All four people in a French helicopter that crashed in rough weather in Antarctica were confirmed dead Saturday, Australian and French rescuers said. Another helicopter from the Dumont-d'Urville scientific station in Antarctica flew to the site of the crashed aircraft and a doctor on board confirmed the deaths, the Australian Maritime Safety Authority said in a statement. The helicopter crashed Thursday night and its distress beacon was activated

# Health & Fitness

## Pacific health professionals meet to address epidemics

**NOUMEA, New Caledonia**—A major gathering of Pacific human and animal health laboratory professionals will take place this week (Nov. 1-4, 2010) in Suva, Fiji Islands to assess current laboratory testing and specimen shipment procedures in relation to identifying and controlling priority epidemic diseases such as dengue fever, influenza, typhoid fever and cholera.

The pandemic influenza H1N1 2009 reminded us how easily epidemic diseases can spread from country to country, including in the Pacific. It is very important for Pacific Island countries and territories to have access to laboratory tools to detect epidemic diseases quickly in order to minimize their health and socioeconomic impacts.

The workshop is organized by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community in collaboration with the Fiji School of Medicine and other partners under the framework of the Pacific Public Health Laboratory Network, or LabNet.

Created in 2000, LabNet is a human health network that provides laboratory diagnostic tools and technical support to 22 PICTs.\* The idea of this net-

work came from the recognition that many Pacific Islands had little or no ready access to public health laboratory services.

A number of activities and improvements have occurred since the creation of the network. For example, influenza testing capacity has been established in 14 countries and shipping procedures and confirmation mechanisms for communicable diseases have been established with reference laboratories in Australia, New Zealand and Hawaii.

Animal health laboratory professionals recently also formed a network, PAHLNet. The operating procedures in animal and human health laboratories are not always the same, but the challenges are similar and PAHLNet can certainly benefit from LabNet experience.

Collaboration between human and animal health professionals increased with SPC's Pacific Regional Influenza Pandemic Preparedness Project and will be strengthened at the November workshop.

All participants will receive training in packing and transporting infectious substances by air from a certified specialist

from the Pacific Island Health Officers' Association.

The workshop will also focus on identifying country-specific laboratory training needs and will provide the opportunity to review the progress of LabNet and plan further development of the two networks.

Technical experts from the World Health Organization and the U.S. Centers for Disease Prevention and Control will assist SPC and FSMed organizers, together with specialists from reference laboratories in Australia, New Zealand and Hawaii and the Pacific Paramedical Training Centre in New Zealand.

Financial assistance for this workshop is provided by the Australian Agency for International Development, the New Zealand Aid Program, CDC and FSMed. (SPC)

\* American Samoa, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji Islands, French Polynesia, Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, Niue, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Pitcairn, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Wallis and Futuna.

## Xylitol and your dental health

Xylitol is a natural, safe and FDA approved sweetener found in birth trees, corn, strawberries, plums and even in the human body. Xylitol sweetened chew-

ing gum and mints are clinically proven to raise oral pH, neutralizing plaque acids and inhibiting bacteria that causes cavities and even ear infections. It is safe for

diabetics because it is not metabolized by insulin. It has 40 percent less calories than sugar.

For complete dental health you of course need to see your dentist regularly. On your own you need to brush and floss your teeth after each meal and before bed time to remove plaque and food debris from your teeth and mouth. Then chew two pieces of xylitol sweetened gum for at least 5-10 minutes four to five times a day. It is also helpful to chew it after eating even if you do not have time to brush your teeth. Xylitol stimulates saliva, assists protective factors in saliva, stabilizes calcium and phosphate levels, which helps in putting minerals back into your teeth.

Research has shown that mothers and fathers can pass the bacteria, streptococcus mutans, which causes tooth decay, to their children. This happens when the parents kiss their children or taste the child's food etc. A study showed that parents can greatly improve their children's health and reduce bacteria levels in their mouth by simply chewing xylitol sweetened gum 4-5 times daily along with a normal oral hygiene schedule.

You ask how you can get xylitol gum or mints. They are found in many common gum brands sold at your local store, dental office or on-line. Just make sure that xylitol is the first ingredient in your gum or mint to make it effective. Happy chewing! (PR)

### Personal Trainer

#### Living with problem knees

Years after a knee injury heals, the joint may hurt or feel stiff, and some people develop a form of arthritis; some strategies for staying active:

**If you are heavy, lose weight**  
Try to consume fewer calories and increase your activity in ways that put the least stress on your knees

**Look for safe exercise**  
To stay active without causing additional knee damage, try low-impact exercises, such as bicycling and swimming

**Consider medicines, supplements**  
A doctor or pharmacist can advise you on using acetaminophen, ibuprofen, aspirin, other nonprescription pain medicines  
He or she can also advise you on nutritional supplements such as glucosamine or chondroitin, which help some people\*

**Consider a knee brace or cane**  
Some problem knees can be stabilized with a brace, and using a cane helps some people reduce knee pain

\*Purity and content of these products may not be reliable because they are not government regulated

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Source: Dr. Seth Leopold of University of Washington School of Medicine



# Life & Style

## Stewart-Colbert rally mixes fun with sober message

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Jon Stewart was right. As promised, his rally was fun.

Then, at the end, he took a few moments for “some sincerity.” For some viewers, those clearly heartfelt remarks on the innate goodness of Americans may have upstaged everything that went before.

Fun was about as specific as Stewart had gotten in the weeks leading up to the Rally to Restore Sanity and/or Fear, which he hosted and produced with fellow Comedy Central star Stephen Colbert.

Exactly what the rally would be, and what big names might show up for it, had been a guessing game for fans of “The Daily Show” and “The Colbert Report,” as well as the media, for weeks beforehand—at least until Wednesday, when a few names leaked.

On Saturday, viewers of Comedy Central’s live telecast—and online streaming—of the three-hour shindig saw a dandy music-and-comedy concert with an inarguable social message. It was staged on Washington’s National Mall, with the U.S. Capitol as the glorious backdrop.

The overarching theme was to redeclare Americans’ ability to get along and work together, regardless of their ideological



Comedians Stephen Colbert, right, and Jon Stewart perform in front of the U.S. Capitol during their Rally to Restore Sanity and/or Fear on the National Mall in Washington, Saturday, Oct. 30, 2010. AP

differences. And to chastise the media and politicians for promoting polarization.

To put this message across comedically, the rally harnessed the familiar on-air personalities of Stewart, who, as anchor of the “Daily Show” satirical newscast, radiates bemused reasonableness, and Colbert, who inhabits a bloviating right-wing pundit on “The Colbert Report.”

## Soft-spoken 18-year-old American wins Miss World



Alexandria Mills of U.S.A. gestures after being crowned as 2010 Miss World at the Beauty Crown Cultural Center in Sanya, in southern China’s island province Hainan, Saturday, Oct. 30, 2010. AP

**BEIJING (AP)**—The newest Miss World is from the United States.

Alexandria Mills, a soft-spoken 18-year-old, was named the winner in Saturday night’s contest in southern China. The tall blonde was a relative surprise winner after speculation focused on other contestants.

Second place went to Emma Wareus of Botswana, and Adriana Vasini of Venezuela came third.

The host country’s own contestant, Tang Xiao, also was among the final five.

According to a brief biography on the Miss World website, Mills calls Louisville, Kentucky, her hometown, and she recently graduated from

high school. She would like to become a teacher.

“I’ve never met a stranger and enjoy meeting new people,” she says in the bio.

For the final, she was wearing a shimmering ivory-colored dress slit up the leg.

Mills takes over the title from Kaiane Aldorino of Gibraltar, who was named Miss World 2009 at a ceremony in South Africa last December.

Women from more than 100 countries participated in the contest, organizers said.

This is the 60th year of the Miss World Competition, and organizers brought back contestants from past decades to give the night a retrospective theme.

## Vegetarians’ dinner guests shouldn’t find a bone to pick

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



*Dear Abby*

**DEAR ABBY:** My partner and I are vegetarians. Occasionally we eat fish, but neither of us has had pork, beef or fowl for more than 10 years.

We were at a barbecue at a good friend’s house a short time ago and our gracious hosts kindly prepared veggie burgers especially for us. Another guest at the party asked me if I’d be as good-natured as our hosts if I were to have a get-together at my house. (In other words, would I serve meat to our carnivorous guests.) I told him no, to which he (jokingly?) replied that I was “selfish.”

Abby, the idea of eating meat is gross to me now. The reason I stopped eating it in the first place is my ethical opposition to how it’s produced, and I would not want to compromise my ideals simply in the name of being a good hostess.

Am I “selfish”? Should I offer my friends meat if that is what they prefer? I’d appreciate your input.

WHERE’S THE BEEF? IN HOUSTON

**DEAR W.T.B.:** A gracious guest does not criticize what his or her hosts serve. Your friends are aware that you are a vegetarian and why. As long as you make sure they don’t go hungry, you are not obligated to serve guests flesh of anything that doesn’t come from the ground, a bush or a tree. And you can say I said so.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I am a sophomore in high school who has the responsibility of helping my mother raise four boys and a baby girl until their mothers (my sisters) are able to take care of them. Instead of being able to attend a football game or go to the mall with friends, I spend half my time at school and the other half baby sitting. The only “joy” I feel is knowing the kids are safe in my capable hands.

I have been around babies all my life and I’m reaching the breaking point. I’m worried about my future after high school. I feel like a middle-aged woman instead of a teenager from the stress I have had to accept. Can you tell me how I can feel like I can accomplish something more?

TEENAGE FOSTER MOM/AUNT

**DEAR TEENAGE FOSTER MOM/AUNT:** By completing your education. For you, freedom lies in getting a college education or learning a trade that will get you out and on your own. You should not have been saddled with the responsibility of raising the children your irresponsible sisters brought into this world. Learn from their example and be sure that the only pregnancies you have are those that have been planned and prepared for, and you will have the freedom and the future for which you are longing.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I’m seeing this guy, “Jerry,” who is an amazing person. Both of us are divorced single parents. I’m attracted to him -- but I’m not sure if there is passion. My question is, do I choose security and a life that I want, or the passion that fuels romantic fire?

SEARCHING IN COLUMBIA, S.C.

**DEAR SEARCHING:** The problem with the “passion that fuels romantic fire” is that it’s so intense at the beginning that it usually can’t sustain itself. Was your first marriage fueled by it? If so, this time around seriously consider marriage to an “amazing person” to whom you say you are attracted and who can provide a stable and secure future for you and your children. These qualities can form the basis of lasting and rewarding partnership.

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### SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

#### T.I.’s wife charged with drug possession in LA

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Prosecutors have charged rapper T.I.’s wife with one count of misdemeanor drug possession stemming from an arrest last month on the Sunset Strip. Prosecutors charged Tameka Cottle with possession of ecstasy on Friday and she is due in court for an arraignment on Nov. 1 in Beverly Hills. The 35-year-old was arrested along with her husband on Sept. 1 during a traffic stop. Prosecutors on Monday declined to charge T.I., citing a federal judge’s decision to send him to federal prison for 11 months for violating his probation on weapons charges and the small amount of drugs found on him. A charge evaluation sheet said deputies found four ecstasy pills on the Grammy Award winner. It was not immediately clear whether Cottle had an attorney.

#### Indian hotel charged for noisy Brand-Perry wedding

**JAIPUR, India (AP)**—Officials say managers at the luxury resort where Katy Perry and Russell Brand married are being charged with violating noise laws during last week’s wedding near an Indian tiger reserve. Sawaimadhopur district official Ravi Kumar Surpur says the pop star and comedian will not be booked, but the Aman-i-Khas hotel management should be held responsible for breaking rules against loud music after 10 p.m. Perry and Brand were married Oct. 23 near Ranthambhore wildlife park in the northwest state of Rajasthan, before flying Monday to the Maldives. Surpur said Saturday the late-night wedding party noise exceeded the 45-decibel limit. Criminal lawyer Samundra Singh says the hotel management could face a fine or a few days in jail. The hotel did not immediately comment.

#### Randy Travis and wife-manager, Elizabeth, divorce

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)**—Randy Travis and his wife-manager Elizabeth Travis have divorced. Family spokeswoman Maureen O’Connor confirmed to The Associated Press on Friday that the divorce was final. No further details were given, but an earlier statement that the couple had “parted ways” said Elizabeth Travis would continue to be Travis’ personal manager. The statement said the couple would have no further comment and asked for “respect for their privacy during this time.” Neither could be reached for comment. A petition for dissolution of marriage was filed by Randy Travis in Albuquerque, N.M., on Thursday. They have a home in Santa Fe. The petition calls for an equal split of assets, but offers no clues about why the Traves split, other than saying a “state of incompatibility exists between the parties.”

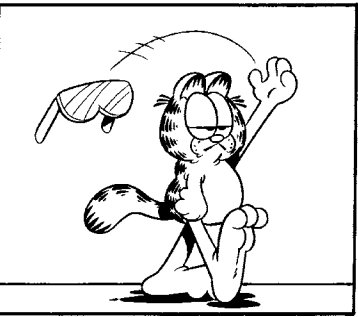
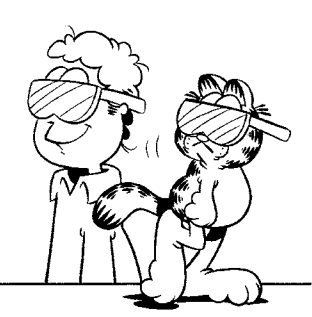
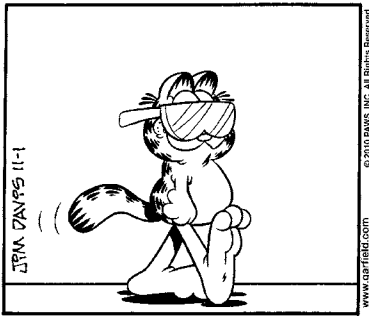
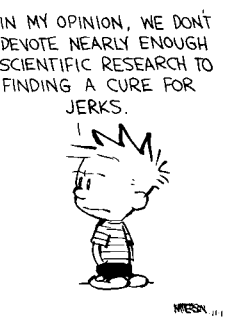
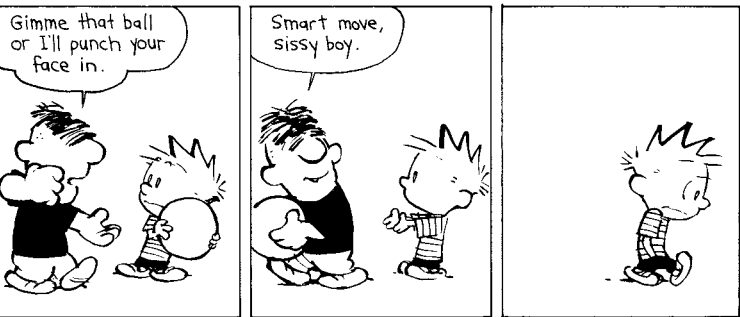


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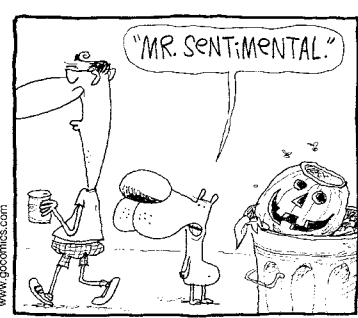
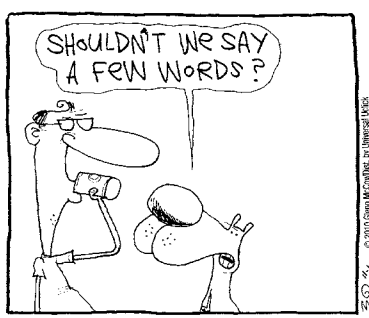
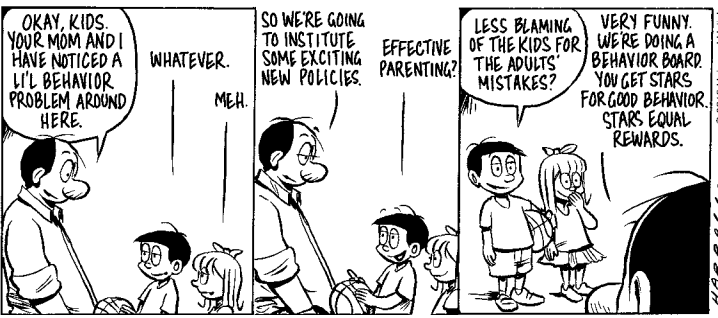
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Saturday's answer 11-1

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Penn Badgley, 24; Toni Collette, 38; Jenny McCarthy, 38; Lyle Lovett, 53

Happy Birthday: Nothing will be too much trouble for you. Perfection, coupled with performance and laced with speed are all it will take. Mental, physical and financial changes are heading your way. Rid yourself of whatever you don't need and you will feel the release of the burden and stress you have been carrying for too long. Your numbers are 3, 8, 18, 23, 24, 35, 42

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You have to get your finances in order. Draw up a plan or budget, stop spending so much and start saving more. You may be forced to take on a project that will be time-consuming, but what you gain will help you get ahead. \*\*\*

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Get with the times and talk to people who can help you get ahead. Partnerships may be intense but will be worth your while. Travel or talks with individuals who are serious and aggressively moving forward will pay off. \*\*\*\*\*

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may be heading down a slippery slope if you get emotionally involved in a project from which you need to distance yourself. An encounter that opposes you in every way possible will be the result of wanting to do too much, too fast. \*\*

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Make the necessary changes at home that will ensure you have everything under control. Don't let someone else's burdens become your

problem. Social interaction with friends and family will bring you closer together and help you put things in perspective. \*\*\*\*

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Problems will result if you forego something you promised to do for a loved one. Difficulties at home will develop with the young and the older people in your life. Make an aggressive move that can help keep those people busy, freeing you to pursue what needs to be done. \*\*\*

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Follow through, finish what you start and show everyone you know how to close a deal. There is plenty to gain by acting responsibly and explaining what you are doing and why. Be upfront and open. \*\*\*

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Rid yourself of any doubt and put laziness aside. Get yourself in gear and do what's required of you. Focus on your resume, interviews or doing the best job possible. Don't fear failure. \*\*\*

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Trust in your own ability, judgment and beliefs. Take on a challenge that will enhance your skills and expand your current enterprises. This is a great day to show others how serious you are about what you do. \*\*\*\*

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If you feel you have been shady in some of your past dealings, now is the time to make amends. Change can lead to a revelation that gets you back on track and reunites you with someone who has a positive influence on you. \*\*

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Step up to the plate. You stand to ruffle feathers but will draw attention to your talent, skills and know-how. Don't be shy. You are the best one to promote who you are and what you can do. \*\*\*\*

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Get serious about your goals and your financial situation. Don't leave anything to chance. Being too upfront about your plans will lead to interference. Act fast and be direct in your pursuits. \*\*\*

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Look over contracts and tidy up loose financial and personal ends. You can make a difference in the way next year starts out if you tend to the little things now. Set up your strategy and game plan. \*\*\*

Birthday Baby: You are intense, secretive and abrupt. You have insight and depth and are aggressive and dedicated.

Eugenia's Web sites: [eugenialast.com](http://eugenialast.com) for confidential consultations, [myspace.com/eugenialast](http://myspace.com/eugenialast) for Eugenia's blog, [astroadvice.com](http://astroadvice.com) for fun

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# Lewis shuts down Giants in Game 3



ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)—Back in Texas. Back in the World Series.

The Rangers, behind emerging October ace Colby Lewis, came home and threw themselves the biggest tailgate party of them all, beating San Francisco 4-2 on Saturday night and cutting the Giants' Series edge to 2-1.

Longhorns, Aggies, Horned Frogs - sorry. This was a night to celebrate baseball.

"We wanted to get back home. We felt comfortable here," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "We knew we could finally put a good game together, and we did."

Psyched by pep talks from former President George W. Bush and spurred by a heater from Nolan Ryan, the Rangers became the first team from Texas to win a Series game.

Rookie Mitch Moreland hit an early three-run homer, Josh Hamilton later launched a 426-foot shot and the Rangers posted a Series win that took the franchise 50 years to achieve.

Just in time, in fact, coming off two thumpings in San Francisco.

"We're still down one game, but it's shifted," Hamilton said.

Game 3 marked the first time the Series visited the Metroplex. On a college football weekend, the parking lots filled up early with flying pigskins, fine BBQ smoke and fans checking the scores of their alma maters.

But Lewis and the Rangers showed there was still a place in the Lone Star State for another sport, too. And they certainly brought more joy than the NFL's 1-5 Cowboys, whose gleaming stadium is just a few Hamilton-sized drives away.

"I was just really excited to come back home. I knew with these fans out here we had a definite advantage," Lewis said. "It was just a thing of comfortability."

Bush toured the Texas clubhouse before the game - previously a Rangers part-owner, he visited with individual players.

Then Big Tex himself jazzed the largest crowd in the history of Rangers Ballpark by cranking up for the ceremonial first toss. The Rangers' part-owner flung a 68 mph fastball - pretty swift for a 63-year-old guy wearing dress pants and a tie.

Lewis took over after that. He worked around solo home runs by Cody Ross - the fifth of the postseason for the NL championship series MVP - in the seventh inning and Andres Torres in the eighth. The Giants eventually brought the tying run to the plate, but reliever Darren O'Day retired Buster Posey to end the eighth.

Washington finally brought in Neftali Feliz, and the rocket-armed closer pitched a perfect ninth for his first save of the postseason. Washington was criticized in the first two games at San Francisco for leaving Feliz in the bullpen while the Giants broke away.

Feliz struck out two, cheered on by Ryan, Bush and their wives in the front row next to the Texas dugout. As fireworks exploded overhead and Texas swing music blared, Bush leaned over and kissed Ryan's wife, Ruth.

The Rangers looked more like themselves with Vladimir Guerrero back in



AP  
Texas Rangers' Colby Lewis throws during the first inning of Game 3 of baseball's World Series against the San Francisco Giants Saturday, Oct. 30, 2010, in Arlington, Texas.

the DH spot. The other Texas big bats chimed in, with Hamilton hitting his fifth home run of the postseason.

Moreland homered from the ninth spot in the lineup, connecting in the second for a 3-0 lead.

"It's a different league, and that's the American League," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "Their guy got a big hit."

No team in World Series history has overcome a 3-0 deficit and now Texas won't have to try, either. Rangers starter Tommy Hunter, especially good at home, faces rookie Madison Bumgarner in Game 4 on Sunday night.

Lewis picked up where he left off in the AL championship series, where he finished off the defending champion Yankees in Game 6. He's 3-0 this postseason, all of his wins coming after a Texas loss.

Lewis allowed five hits in 7 2-3 innings and struck out six. He stopped a Giants team that had become the first NL team to score at least nine runs in back-to-back Series games.

"We needed a well-pitched job," Washington said.

Moreland, promoted to the majors in late July, won a tough at-bat against Jonathan Sanchez and homered on the ninth pitch.

"I knew I had a runner in scoring position, so he was going to try to pitch me tough and I fouled off some off speed stuff and just tried to battle back, and I got the fastball," Moreland said.

At a burly 6-foot-4, Lewis is built something like a fullback. Backed by Moreland's homer, he plowed through the Giants until the late innings.

"It obviously takes some wind out of your sails, but the game's still early right there. We have to keep battling and keep fighting. Colby wouldn't let us do that. He was pitching great,"

Ross said.

Lewis is a below-.500 pitcher for his career, not including the two seasons he recently spent pitching for Hiroshima in the Japan league. Despite a shaky record, he's known for this trait: He gets tougher in tight situations.

Lewis escaped a two-on jam in the first by getting Pat Burrell to fish for a breaking ball, and worked around a leadoff walk to Ross in the second.

The next time he got on the mound, he already had a nice cushion.

Nelson Cruz opened the Texas second with a double off the center-field wall and eighth-place hitter Bengie Molina drew a walk. It was trouble time for Sanchez - he owned the best hits-to-innings ratio in the NL this year, yet also led the league in walks and can unravel quickly.

Moreland hung in, fouling off four straight 2-2 pitches and barely getting a piece on a couple of them. He then took a smooth swing sent a liner far into the right-field seats for his first career home run against a left-hander.

It was the big hit the Rangers needed to get back into the Series. The crowd roared and Ryan stood up, thrust his right arm in the air and hollered.

Hamilton gave his boss another thrill in the fifth. A bit jumpy at the plate early in the game, the probable AL MVP patiently waited for his pitch and launched a drive deep into the lower deck in right-center field.

"I felt like tonight I just stayed square and covered the ball," he said.

Sanchez, who got just six outs against Philadelphia in his previous start, gave up four runs, six hits and three walks in 4 2-3 innings, raising his ERA to 4.05 in four postseason starts. He was replaced by Guillermo Mota, who had started warming up in the third.

## Bochy: Guillen off roster because of neck injury

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)—San Francisco Giants manager Bruce Bochy said he decided to leave Jose Guillen off the postseason roster before learning of the outfielder's alleged link to a federal investigation into shipments of performance-enhancing drugs.

Speaking to reporters Saturday before Game 3 of the World Series, Bochy reiterated that Guillen was not put on the roster for the NL division series against Atlanta - or the rest of the postseason - because of his troublesome neck. Bochy didn't believe Guillen was 100 percent and already had committed to go with Cody Ross as the starter in right field, even if Guillen had still been on the club.

"That decision was made before all this came out," Bochy said. "I told Jose that I felt he wasn't 100 percent. Cody Ross was going to be out there."

The New York Times reported on its website Thursday night, citing several unidentified lawyers, that federal authorities told Major League Baseball they were looking into shipments of human growth hormone, allegedly sent to Guillen's wife in the Bay Area.

That was just before the postseason began, The Times said. A person in Major League Baseball confirmed the investigation to The Associated Press on Thursday night. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the probe was ongoing.

Bochy said he hasn't spoken to Guillen since right before the team traveled to Atlanta for Game 3 of the division series Oct. 10. Bochy declined to say when he found out about Guillen's alleged connection to the HGH investigation.

"He was going to stay in San Francisco and said, 'I'll be ready if something happens,'" Bochy said. "In my eyes, he helped us win a couple of ballgames but it looked like his neck was bothering him more than he was letting on. ... When we got him, he was swinging the bat fairly well, but I think the playing time caught up with him."

The 34-year-old Guillen, plagued by injuries in recent years, joined the Giants in a trade from the Kansas City Royals on Aug. 13. He batted .266 with three homers and 15 RBIs in 42 games for the NL West champions.

Guillen has been tied to performance-enhancing drugs before. The San Francisco Chronicle reported in 2007 that he allegedly purchased more than \$19,000 worth of HGH, steroids and other drugs from the Palm Beach Rejuvenation Center between May 2002 and June 2005.

MLB suspended Guillen for 15 days following the report, then rescinded the penalty in May 2008 as part of a deal between players and owners to toughen the sport's drug rules.

Guillen has played for 10 teams since breaking into the big leagues with Pittsburgh in 1997. He is a .270

career hitter with 214 homers and 887 RBIs.

Guillen was suspended by the Angels for the last two weeks of the 2004 regular season and postseason for inappropriate conduct after expressing his displeasure with manager Mike Scioscia. After the year, Guillen was traded to the Washington Nationals.

In July 2008, Guillen got into a heated clubhouse exchange with Royals pitching coach Bob McClure, knocking over chairs before several players separated them before a game at Tampa Bay. Guillen also unleashed a profanity-filled tirade against his teammates that May.

In July, baseball implemented random blood testing for HGH in the minor leagues, the first professional sports league in the United States to take the aggressive step against doping.

Testing was limited to players with minor league contracts because they are not members of the players' association, which means blood testing is not subject to collective bargaining. The players' association has long been against blood testing for HGH, though the union has discussed the issue with MLB.

Bochy spoke with several of Guillen's former managers and coaches before the Giants acquired him and received good reports. The manager also talked to Guillen himself.

Three years ago, the outfielder-designated hitter signed a \$36 million, three-year contract that made him the Royals' highest paid player per year in team history. He was leading the Royals with 62 RBIs and 16 home runs when he was designated for assignment on Aug. 5 this year.

Guillen struggled with injuries in Kansas City. He played in only 81 games last year and hit nine homers, tied for his fewest since 2002. He was out for weeks after injuring his knee while putting on a shin guard and missed several days of spring training in 2009 after deciding to rip out an ingrown toenail with a pair of pliers.

This season, Guillen struggled with a left quadriceps injury and ended his stint in Kansas City in an 0-for-21 slump.

### Rangers manager: No discussions of Lee for Game 4

Texas Rangers manager Ron Washington says he hasn't had any conversations with Cliff Lee about the possibility of the ace left-hander pitching Game 4 on short rest.

When asked about it before Game 3 on Saturday, Washington said Tommy Hunter is pitching Sunday as scheduled against the San Francisco Giants. Lee is scheduled to start Monday night in Game 5, if necessary.

Lee, who has never pitched on three days' rest, lost a postseason game for the first time when he lasted only 4 2-3 innings in Game 1 on Wednesday. The Rangers lost Game 2 to fall to 0-2 in the best-of-seven series.



# Rose's 39 lift Bulls past Pistons



**CHICAGO (AP)** — Derrick Rose matched a career high with 39 points as the Chicago Bulls staged a big rally to beat the Detroit Pistons 101-91 on Saturday.

Chicago trailed by 21 early in the third quarter and was still down 86-73 about three minutes into the fourth when it went on a 19-2 run to pull out a dramatic win in the home opener.

Joakim Noah had 15 points and 17 rebounds. Taj Gibson scored 11. James Johnson wound up with eight points and nine rebounds, and the Bulls delivered in the end after coming up short down the stretch in the opener against Oklahoma City.

Chicago overcame a spectacular first half by former Bulls star Ben Gordon, who scored all of his 21 points before intermission and held the Pistons to 4-of-21 shooting in the fourth, making them 0-3 for the first time since they dropped the first four games of the 1999-2000 season.

The Pistons carried an 82-67 lead into the fourth after Charlie Villanueva's buzzer-beating 3-pointer and were still ahead by 13 before C.J. Watson hit a jumper to start the decisive run.

Johnson nailed a 3 to tie it at 86 with five minutes left, whipping the crowd into a frenzy. A basket by Richard Hamilton briefly put the Pistons back on top, but the Bulls weren't finished.

Gibson hit a fadeaway to tie it again. Noah gave Chicago its first lead since the first quarter when he tipped in Rose's missed drive with 2:37 left, and Rose added two free throws to make it 92-88 20 seconds later.

A free throw by Rodney Stuckey made it a three-point game, but thunderous dunks by Gibson and Johnson along with a jumper by Rose with 42 seconds left increased Chicago's advantage to 98-89, sealing a dramatic win.

The Bulls are aiming higher after back-to-back first-round playoff exits and underwent a major offseason overhaul, bringing in new coach Tom Thibodeau and revising their roster. They won't be at full strength for a while, though.

Carlos Boozer, their big addition, broke a bone in his right hand in a fall at home and is expected to miss the first month. And things weren't looking good for the Bulls in the early going.

Gordon, who scored 32 the previous night against Oklahoma City, was a perfect 5-for-5 from the field and hit all 10 of his free-throw attempts in the first half. He spent much of the opening quarter in a T-shirt icing his left shoulder. He entered to loud boos when he checked in with just over two minutes left in the period, then spent the rest of the half drawing groans

## Blazers confirm no deal for Oden before deadline

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The Portland Trail Blazers won't offer a contract extension to former No. 1 pick Greg Oden before the Monday deadline, a team spokesman said Saturday.

The Oregonian reported Friday that the Blazers and Oden's representatives agreed there would be no extension, making the oft-injured center the first top pick since Kwame Brown not to get one at the end of his rookie con-

tract. Teams have until Monday to reach deals with first-round picks from the 2007 draft.

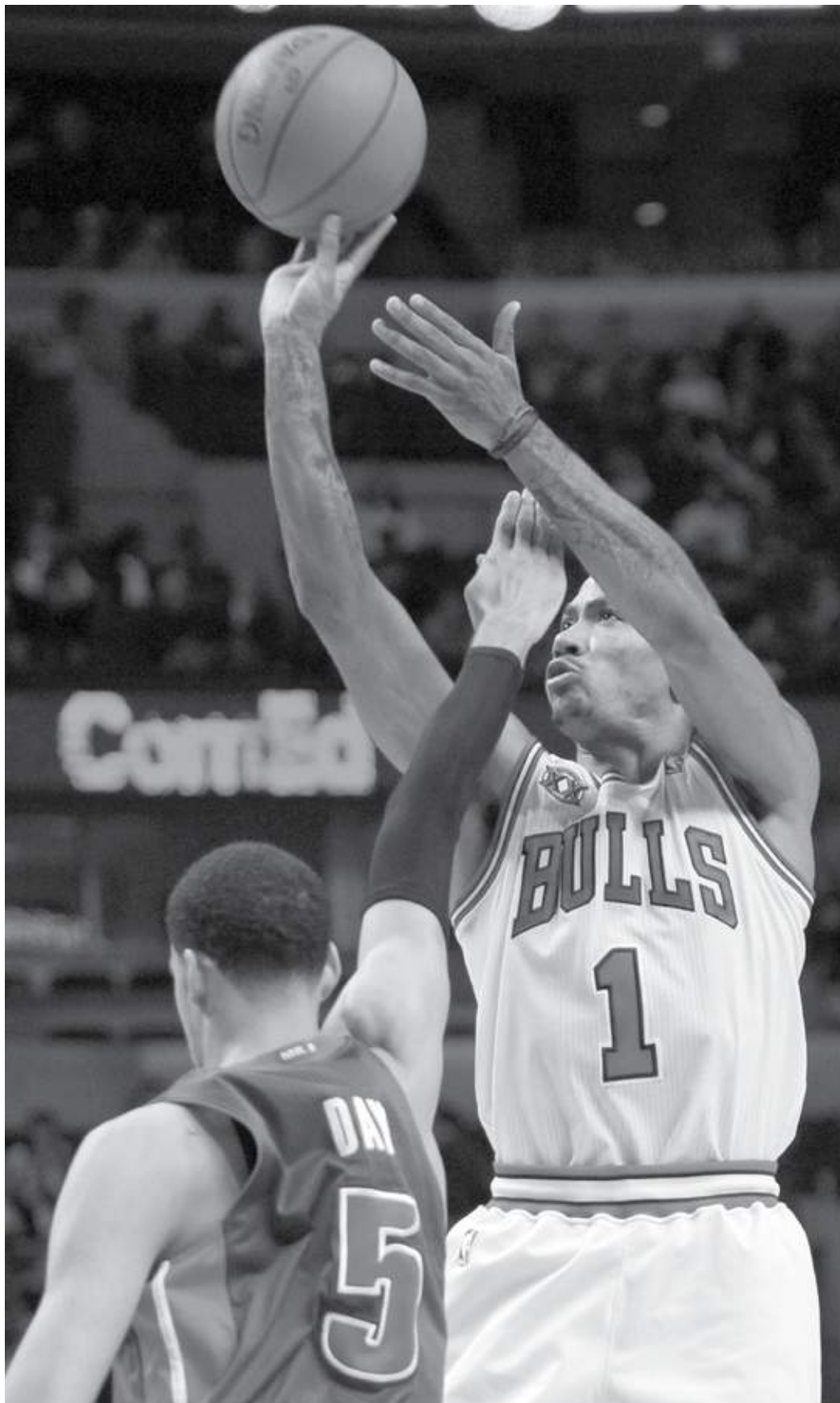
But Portland hasn't seen enough of Oden, who has played in only 82 games since he was picked ahead of Kevin Durant. He has been sidelined since fracturing his left patella last Dec. 5.

Bill Duffy, head of the agency that represents Oden, told AOL FanHouse on Tuesday that Oden would not be

signing an extension before the deadline.

Oden will be a restricted free agent next summer and the Blazers will be able to match any offers for him.

The Blazers exercised their fourth-year options on the contracts of Nicolas Batum and Rudy Fernandez, they announced after their 100-95 victory over the New York Knicks.



Chicago Bulls' Derrick Rose, right, shoots over Detroit Pistons' Austin Daye during the third quarter of an NBA basketball game, Saturday, Oct. 30, 2010, in Chicago.

from the crowd as he tried to bury his former team.

### Hornets 99, Spurs 90

At San Antonio, Chris Paul scored 25 points as New Orleans beat San Antonio to emerge as the only unbeaten team in the Southwest Division.

David West added 18 points and the Hornets got first-year coach Monty Williams off

to a 3-0 start after a win over his former coach and mentor, Gregg Popovich.

Tony Parker scored 13 points only hours after signing a four-year extension worth \$50 million, but the Spurs shot miserably in the third quarter and never recovered. Manu Ginobili led San Antonio with 23 points.

It was the first 20-point game of the season for Paul, who was

8 of 15 from the floor. He also had five assists.

### Bucks 98, Bobcats 88

At Milwaukee, Brandon Jennings had his first career triple-double with 20 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists in the Bucks' victory in their home opener.

Andrew Bogut added 14 points, eight rebounds and four blocks for Milwaukee.

With Bogut back manning the middle, the 21-year-old Jennings was free to roam and make plays for Milwaukee's first win in the matchup of 0-2 Eastern Conference playoff teams from last season.

D.J. Augustin scored 26 points and Stephen Jackson had 23 for the Bobcats.

### Hawks 99, Wizards 95

At Atlanta, Joe Johnson scored 14 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter as Atlanta remained unbeaten, winning its home opener.

After opening with wins at Memphis and Philadelphia, Atlanta gave the home fans their first look at a team that features largely the same roster as last year's playoff team but a new motion offense under rookie coach Larry Drew.

Rookie John Wall led the Wizards with 28 points, and Thornton added 24. But the Wizards still lost their 10th in a row to the Hawks.

Al Horford had 21 points and 10 rebounds for Atlanta.

### Nuggets 107, Rockets 94

At Houston, Al Harrington scored 28 points and Carmelo Anthony had 24 to help Denver ruin Houston's first home game.

Chauncey Billups scored 13 points, Nene had 12 points and 12 rebounds and the Nuggets won in Houston for only the fifth time in the last 18 games there.

Luis Scola scored 28 and Kevin Martin added 21 for the Rockets, who are 0-3 for the first time since the 1999-00 season.

Yao Ming scored 14 points, pulled down six rebounds and blocked two shots in 23 minutes. Houston continues to limit his playing time as he comes back from foot surgery that sidelined him all last season.

### Trail Blazers 100, Knicks 95

At New York, Brandon Roy scored 29 points and LaMarcus Aldridge added 20 as unbeaten Portland rallied to spoil New York's home opener.

Andre Miller had 19 points and 10 assists for the Trail Blazers, who improved to 3-0 by erasing a nine-point deficit in the final 5 1/2 minutes.

Wilson Chandler finished with 22 points and 16 rebounds for the Knicks, who made only one field goal after taking a 92-83 lead with 5:31 remain-

ing. Amare Stoudemire scored 18 points but turned it over six times in his home debut.

Raymond Felton, also making his Madison Square Garden debut with the Knicks, scored 16 points.

### Grizzlies 109, Timberwolves 89

At Memphis, Tennessee, O.J. Mayo scored 29 points as Memphis finished with a franchise-record 22 steals in the victory.

Rudy Gay added 25 points and Darrell Arthur scored 18 for Memphis, which has won two of its first three games for the first time since the 2005-06 season. Mike Conley had 14 points and matched his career high with 11 assists.

Wayne Ellington led the Timberwolves with 15 points, and Kevin Love had 14 points and 13 rebounds. Sebastian Telfair scored 12.

### Kings 107, Cavaliers 104

At Cleveland, Tyreke Evans scored 21 points as a balanced Los Angeles rallied past Cleveland.

Omri Casspi added 20 points for Sacramento, which trailed by 16 in the first half. Beno Udrih had 12 points and 11 assists, and rookie DeMarcus Cousins finished with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

Cleveland, which has lost two straight after beating Boston in the opener, was led by Ramon Sessions, who had 21 points.

Daniel Gibson had 20 points for Cleveland.

### Pacers 99, 76ers 86

At Indianapolis, Danny Granger scored 22 points to lead Indiana past Philadelphia in its home opener.

Mike Dunleavy scored 16, Darren Collison had 15 points and Roy Hibbert added 14 points and 13 rebounds for the Pacers (2-1). It was Collison's first regular-season home game since Indiana acquired him in an offseason trade.

Lou Williams scored all 18 of his points in the first half for the Sixers, who have lost their first three games under new coach Doug Collins. Elton Brand had 12 points and 10 rebounds but shot 5-for-16 from the field.

Andre Iguodala and Jrue Holiday finished with 12 points apiece for the Sixers.



# Konflikt, Chow Queen players collect individual awards

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Players from MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt and MDX-Chow Queen won the most individual awards in the open division of the 2010 United Filipino Organization Inter-Organizational Reinforced Basketball League.

MDX-Chow Queen forward Kae Bernardo took the regular season MVP for giving the 2009 champion and 2010 finalist a 6-0 record in the round-robin elimination round. Bernardo was also named in the Mythical Five, joining MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt's Elmer Esdrelon and Darwin Barbo, teammate Dave Sablan, and Samahang Ilokano-Pangasinense-Mobil's Jun Estolas.

Esdrelon got his second individual award when he was named Finals MVP. He scored 20 points in Game 2 and 13 in Game 1. In the series-clinching Game 2, Esdrelon knocked in three pressure-packed free throws to bail out MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt. The MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt guard eventually took the Best in Free Throws award. Also getting more than one

individual awards were Estolas and Barbo. Estolas was named scoring champion, while Barbo led the league in rebounds. MDX-Chow Queen teammates Wowie Abuel and Bon Tamayo topped the league in treys made and steals, respectively. The Best in Assist plum went to MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt's Jomary Tumaquip, while Norman del Rosario, also of

MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt, claimed the Best Coach award. Team trophies were also awarded at the brief ceremony last Thursday at the JP Center Basketball Court. Bayani took home the Sportsmanship Award, while SIP-Mobil settled for the third place trophy. MDX-Chow Queen was presented with the pennant and runner-up trophies, while the championship plum went to

MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt. In the masters division, the UFO caging gave away trophies to the Mythical Team composed of Cabalen-Wings Travel's Edwin Santos and Tony Diaz, MAFEA-Ebisuya's Banjo Basila, MDX-Monster's Jorge De Guzman, and VisMin-da-Kids Cove's James Abuy. Cabalen-Wings Travel's Junar Guiab was earlier awarded the Finals MVP trophy.

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Then in the second set, instead of going for the kill, GCA opted to field its second and even third stringers against SIS. Jeon and Salas sat out, leaving only Chargualaf on the floor to team up with five other GCA players. The play seemed to work early for the Eagles as they led, 7-2. The six-time champion then moved within four points from sweeping the finals, 21-13, after James Libut blocked Amber Roberts. Seeing their season on the

line, SIS sued for time and when the game resumed, the Geckos made a big comeback to force a deciding third set. The Geckos launched an 8-0 run to tie the game, 21-all, scoring its 21st point off a Chargualaf error. Chargualaf committed the miscue when he went for a chop, but the return was too strong. This had been the story for Chargualaf and the Eagles midway in the second set, as instead of going all out, they decided to play it safe than bring the game to the net, which is their most potent weapon. After the 21-all tally, the game was knotted anew at 23-all, when GCA showed a little of ag-

gressiveness with three players blocking SIS' Josh Borja. A three-touches error from GCA moved SIS within a point from taking the second set and the latter finally did, 25-23, when Andy Nutting scored an ace in the ensuing play. Bringing Nutting into the game midway in the second set to replace Clay McCullough-Stearns produced dividends for SIS, as the former scored a couple of important points off his surprised digs and hustled for the ball. In the third set, GCA brought its starters back and though Jeon and Salas were a bit cold, GCA still managed to control the first part of the deciding set. Jeon and

Chargualaf scored a couple of kills off Salas' set-up jobs. The two frontliners also blocked SIS players on a few occasions. At the 8-5 tally in favor of GCA, teams switched courts and so did their fortunes. Nutting blocked GCA's Michiko Tenorio, Borja dropped the ball to a dead spot and then went for a kill to tie the game, 8-all. Borja then scored his third straight point after blocking Jeon to give SIS the lead, 9-8. In the ensuing play, Borja tricked Jeon anew when he and teamed Taek Han Yoon blocked the GCA player and moved SIS within two points

of winning the title, 13-10. A Geckos' double touch error kept GCA's hopes alive, 11-13, but a Tenorio service error put the Eagles in the brink of losing the varsity title. Up at 14-11, Borja went for a kill and it seemed the Geckos were about to score the match point before Jeon dove for the ball and kept it in play. Then after two exchanges, Roberts decided to take matters in her own hands, as instead of tossing up the ball, she opted for a dig, which caught GCA frontliners flatfooted. The leather dropped in front of Chargualaf and Jeon, and the Eagles this time failed to land to the

Promise Land, absorbing their lone loss this season. "All I was thinking was just to finish the game. It's been a tough one and I am glad it was over and we came up the winners," said Roberts, who played in all three sets and again showed consistency in setting up her teammates. "We came to the game with nothing to lose and everything to gain. When we lost the first set, we just told our players to keep fighting. Just show heart and courage and let fate take you where you are destined to," said Mili Saiki, who co-coaches SIS with Kim Peterson.

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The Team Underworld Xtreme bet was a replacement fighter for Guam's Ryan "The Dentist" Urquizu, who suffered an injury while preparing for Trench Warz 13. "It was really hot in that cage, but it was a great fight. Gio [Sablan] is a good guy and I gave him props for not giving up. I want to thank everyone for the all of the hospitality and I hope they enjoyed the action. I wanted this one so bad, I trained really hard and it feels great to get a win over here," Cruz said after the right. Cruz displayed both great take down defense and utilization of his jabs all night long. He was also able to avoid some big kicks from Sablan and held his own during brief periods of wrestling. Sablan was never able to execute a solid takedown to attain a dominant position on the ground and eventually gave up on his ground game and elected to stand and bang with Cruz. Sablan was visibly tired by the start of the third round and could not muster the energy to find a miracle submission. Cruz came

out the stronger fighter and well prepared for Palaxi's grappling fighting style. In other results, Marianas Elite's Derrick "El Peligro" Rangamar raised some eyebrows after beating Tinian's Craig "Earthquake" Borja of Team Zeng Zung via rear naked choke at the 3:01 into the first round. Borja got his first taste of defeat and although Rangamar notched only his fourth win in 13 fights, this one was certainly a gem. Borja elected not to touch gloves out of the gate so Rangamar blasted him with a kick, dropping the former to the mat. Rangamar then assumed top position on the ground and completely took Borja out of his game. Rangamar tried a number of submission attempts while controlling Borja on the ground and eventually took his opponent's back and sank in a deep choke. Trench Tech's Darrel "The Derailer" Salas (6-1) dominated Guam's Wyenu "One Time" Bamba (12-6) of the Kisetsu Warriors team in their 180lb bout, winning by TKO at 3:22 into the second round. As expected, this match was primarily a stand up bar fight

slash hockey brawl. There may have been a tooth left on the floor of the cage. Salas looked quicker on his feet and on the trigger in the fight. He even displayed superior wrestling skills during the brief periods on the ground. Salas effectively avoided Bamba's powerful swings and at one point was purposely taking a few right on the face after he sensed Bamba was tiring. Bamba eventually tapped out when he had enough. It took only 1:01 for the USA's J.J. Ambrose (9-2) of the American Kickboxing Academy to TKO PureBred Japan's Masakazu Taguchi (3-6) in their 160lb US versus Japan matchup just before the main event. The referee separated the fighters from a stalemate clinch that started the match and then Ambrose came out on top in the first exchange of blows. Ambrose took a nice shot on the face, but countered with a better one that dropped Taguchi and then the season 12 Ultimate Fighter contender wasted no time pouncing his opponent with a series of vicious ground and pound blows until the referee called it off. Trench Tech's "Badd" Brad Palacios (8-3) won his amateur K-1 kickboxing match over

TPC's "Tabi" Jay Muna (4-1) by TKO, 20 seconds into the second round. A great wrestler by nature, Palacios was hesitant early finding his striking range in this stand up only match, as both competitors felt each other out in the first round. However, soon after the second bell, Palacios dealt out a bone cracking right kick to Muna's rib cage, causing an exciting but sudden end to the opening bout of the night. Notably, Muna was recovering from previous rib injuries coming into this fight. Trench Tech's Slade "The Rage" Adelbai won the featured 195-lb Saipan civil war match by TKO at 2:23 of the first round and issued TPC's Ed "Styx" Castro his first loss in three MMA fights. In this sloppy match, Adelbai was penalized for kneeling Castro in the head, while the former was down, and then was penalized the second time for a blow below the belt. There was not much left of Castro after that, but the referee allowed the fighters to continue until a flurry of punches from Adelbai ended the mess. "The Rage" improved to an 8-5-1 win-loss-tie record.

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with Halloween, hence the new title. As a spirited ground rule, players were required to play the games while wearing various costume pieces. Players were required to wear at least one prop or article of clothing, depending on which team accrued a scoring advantage and costume pieces could be either added or removed, accordingly. "The costume pieces are a creative and fun rule that is intended to slow down the winning team. This tournament is put on just for fun, so games are not overly formal and there are no referees, but they are still designed to be competitive and

fair," tournament organizer Peter Bonser said. Potluck food was available throughout the event and the group held a barbeque after the awards ceremony. Smile Marianas Dental, Pacific Islands Club, Brabu, and Coca Cola sponsored the event and provided gift certificates, lunch and spa passes, water park passes, drinks and energy bars. Saipan Ultimate is open for interested players, especially women players, to compliment their team for future off island co-ed competitions. Members of the group competed in Bali back in 2008 and would like to compete in Manila some time in the future. For more information, stop by at the Oleai field or contact SU at saipanultimate@yahoo.com.

## NMIFA

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secretary Ed Salas, NMBA secretary Merlie Tolentino and members Gigi Zapanta and Rey Bulaon. "On behalf of NMIFA and NMBA, we would like to hand this donation to MHS. In our own little way, we want to be part of the project for the benefit of students and the rest of the MHS community," Tan said. "As we always emphasize

with our members and officials, NMIFA and NMBA are not only about playing games and holding tournaments, but also about getting involved in our community. If there is something we can do to help our community, especially CNMI students, we must step up and do our share to realize these goals," Tan added. Tan added donating bags of cement is the least they can do for MHS for accommodating the two associations. The local badminton group held

a mini clinic at the Marianas High School Gymnasium last week, while NMIFA's futsal league will hold morning games at the Dolphins facility every Saturday morning, starting next week. Marianas High School principal Craig Garrison accepted the donation and thanked both associations for their generous support. "The walkways have been continually patched over 40 years. They are dangerous and out of compliance with new

ADA standards. The need is to make it safe for all. The cement will allow the resurfacing of all areas. This mission was shared with the PTA Community Council and they stepped in to help," said Garrison, who also thanked Theresa Kim and Laila Boyer for presiding the project. "The school will tap the masonry skills of the parents and the Northern Marianas Trade Institute to finish the project. Our initial goal is 500 bags of cement," the MHS principal added.

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# The Week in Sports

## Crowning week for champion teams

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It was time for hard-working teams to be rewarded last week, as they received the championship trophies at stake in the various leagues here.

First to claim the hardware was Cabalen-Wings Travel, which was awarded the championship trophy in the masters division of the UFO caging.

Cabalen Wings-Travel trailed most of the way in the one-game finals against MAFEA-Ebisuya before seven straight points from Junar Guiab lifted the former to an 86-85 title win.

In the open division, MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt swept erstwhile champion MDX-Chow Queen in a best-of-three title series to rule the seven-team caging. MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt took Game 1 in overtime, 103-96, and then withstood MDX's rally in Game 2 to eke out a 95-90 win and complete the series sweep.

Still in basketball, Team Jacob, Bastoss, and Complex went undefeated in the Rollers Basketball Club's 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament to rule their respective divisions.

Next to be crowned champion was Saipan International School, which pulled off an upset over six-time champion Grace Christian Academy in the varsity division of 2010-2011 Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association Volleyball League.

While the above-mentioned leagues/tournaments concluded with the crowning of champion teams, three events just started its competition.

The 2010 Men's Football Fall Cup kicked off with 10 teams vying for the title and two squads entering the win column in the opening week of the league. Inter Godfather's and Matansa Football Club won their debuts against Independents and Shirley's Coffee Shop, respectively.

Another football league opened last week with Northern Mariana Islands Football Association kicking off the 2010 NMIFA Interscholastic U12 League. The league has competitions both in the boys and girls divisions and is divided into two groups.

The girls southern division has Oleai Elementary School, Koblerville Elementary School, Dandan Elementary School, William S. Reyes Elementary School, and San Vicente Elementary School. Group in the girls northern division are Kagman Elementary School, Garapan Elementary School, Saipan International School, Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, and Kagman Elementary School.

The boys southern division also has five teams in Oleai, Koblerville, Dandan, WSR, and San Vicente, while the boys northern



Players of MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt receive their championship trophy from UFO officials after beating MDX-Chow Queen in Game 2 of their title series in the open division of the UFO caging last week at the JP Center Basketball Court.



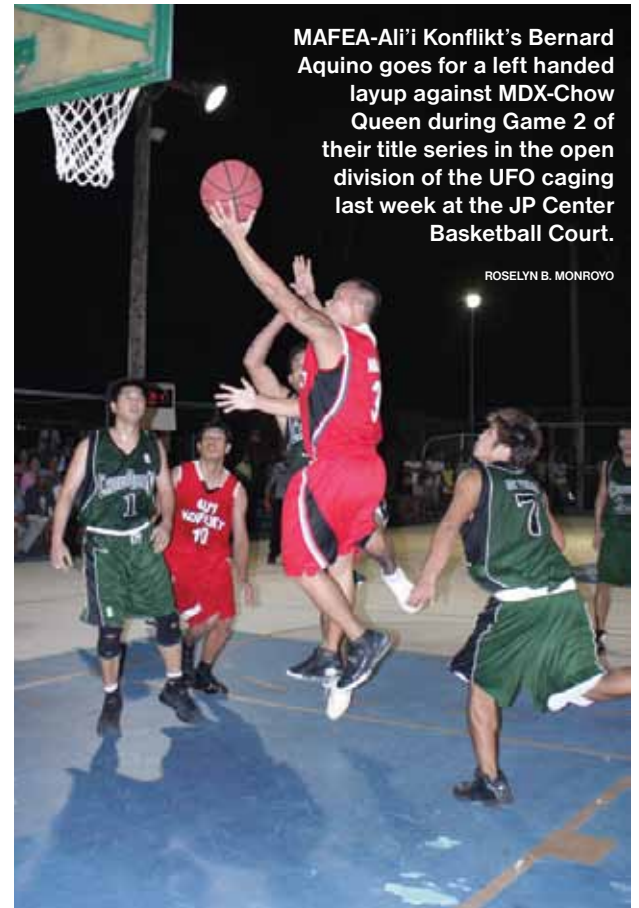
Members of Cabalen-Wings Travel pose with their masters championship trophy and UFO officials during a brief awards ceremony for the UFO caging last week at the JP Center Basketball Court.



Saipan International School's Taek Han Yoon goes for a kill during their title game against Grace Christian Academy in the varsity division of the COPSSA volleyball league last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



Two Garapan Elementary School players chase the ball in a scrimmage for the U12 interscholastic league that opened last week.



MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt's Bernard Aquino goes for a left handed layup against MDX-Chow Queen during Game 2 of their title series in the open division of the UFO caging last week at the JP Center Basketball Court.

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Saipan Southern High School's Steven Muna tries to save the ball from going out during their game against Kagman High School in the MISO caging last week at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.



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Cabalen-Wings Travel's Edwin Santos dribbles out of the defense of MAFEA-Ebisuya's Joe Tudela during their title game in the masters division of the UFO caging last week at the JP Center Basketball Court.



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Royale Blue's June Pineda serves, while Victor Regis looks on during their game against Red Hot Chili Shuttlers during Week 1 of in the Traders Insurance badminton tournament last week at the REM Center.

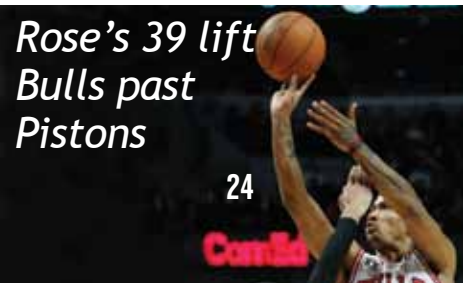
group is composed of Garapan, SIS, GTC, Kagman, and Saipan Community School.

The third event to start last week was the 4th Annual Traders Insurance Badminton Team Tournament with the Black Hawks taking the

lead in Week 1.

Other on-going leagues/tournament on Saipan continued with the MISO baseball and women's basketball entering the second round of the regular season, and the Rotary U19 caging and QQ Cup also





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## SIS clinches varsity championship



Saipan International School players and coaches flash the No. 1 sign after pulling off an upset against Grace Christian Academy in the varsity finals of the COPSSA volleyball league last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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The streak is over. Saipan International School ended Grace Christian Academy's reign in the varsity division of the Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association Volleyball League after eking out a come-from-behind victory in their title game last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



in the varsity division.

After sweeping the regular season and beating SIS twice in the regular season, the Eagles entered the title match as the overwhelming favorites. The erstwhile champion then lived up to expectations in the

The Geckos dropped the opening set of the one-game finals, but recovered in the last two sets to foil the Eagles bid for a seventh consecutive championship

opening set, winning at 25-19.

Grace Christian moved a set away from clinching its seventh title in a row as it reasserted its might in the net against the Geckos. The trio of Dae Min Jeon, Brandon Chargualaf, and Angelo Salas was too much for SIS frontliners in the first set. Jeon and Chargualaf used their height and power advantage in going for spikes against the lanky SIS players, while Salas did a great job setting up his two tall teammates.

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## Cruz tops Sablan in Trench Warz 13



Guam's Cody "Knucklehead" Cruz, left, connects with a left to the head of Trench Tech Purebred's Giovanni "Palaxi" Sablan during the main event bout in Trench Warz 13: Vengeance last Friday at the Royal Taga Hall of Saipan World Resort.

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Guam's Cody "Knucklehead" Cruz redeemed himself in front of a daunting Saipan crowd after beating Trench Tech Purebred's Giovanni "Palaxi" Sablan in the main event bout in Trench Warz 13: Vengeance last Friday at the Royal Taga Hall of Saipan World Resort.

Cruz, who lost his previous fight on Saipan in August

when he bowed to Keli "Rukiz" Manglona during Gorilla Warfare MMA's Armageddon main event, prevailed over Sablan via split decision to improve his record to 4-1. Sablan dropped to a 17-6 mark.

The main event bout was an epic three round battle with Cruz having the upper hand throughout the fight. Cruz took the win despite accepting the fight only a few weeks before the event.

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## Team 5 wins Dale Roberts Cup

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Saipan Ultimate's Team 5 was victorious in last Saturday's Halloween Hat Frisbee Tournament at the Marpi Baseball Field, besting four other teams.

After a series of close matches leading up to the championship, Team 5's Ross Dewit, Adam Hardwicke, Scott Hayden, Peter Houk, Hee Jae Lee, Aaron Mar, and Rachel Zuercher dominated Team 4 in the one-sided final game, 7-1. Houk caught the game-winning point in the end zone to hand Saipan Ultimate's Team 5 the Dale Roberts Cup.

"All of the teams were evenly matched and we all had a blast. Our team kind of snuck our way into the finals, but we played good defense when it counted the most and thanks to a lot of good handlers that worked the disc up and down the field. We pulled off what looked like an easy win," Hayden said. Hayden was selected Most



Members of Team 5 pose with the Dale Roberts Cup they won during the Halloween Hat Frisbee Tournament last Saturday at the Marpi Baseball Field.

Valuable Player in the men's division, while Team 2's Natalie Hill won the MVP honors in the women's division. Zuercher was named Best Offensive Female and her teammate Lee was cited Best Female Handler. Team 1's Melody Matson won both Best

Female on Defense and Best Hammer Throw awards. Team 4's Rob Epley won the Most Passes to a Female award and Team 3's Amber Guegan took the Best End Zone Drop or Most Drops in a game award.

Each game lasted for 25 min-

utes and teams followed a round robin format. Ultimate Frisbee is played with two designated end zones where the receiving team awaits for the "pull" or throw-in by the other team. When in possession of the disc, players can only advance by completing a pass to a teammate. If the disc is dropped, then it is considered an automatic change of possession. The defending team can also intercept the pass and take over on offense, accordingly. Teams work together to successfully advance the game disc into their designated end zone at the opposite end of the field.

The independently organized group, Saipan Ultimate, regularly meets for Ultimate Frisbee activities on Wednesdays and Fridays at 5pm at the Oleai Sports Complex Field. The Hat Tournament is a special feature annual event held for both bragging rights and the coveted Dale Roberts trophy.

The first ever Dale Roberts Cup was awarded in August 2003 and the event has since then been scheduled to coincide

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## NMIFA, NMBA donate to MHS sidewalk project

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Northern Mariana Islands Football Association and Northern Marianas Badminton Association have jumped into the bandwagon, joining scores of donors for the Marianas High School Sidewalk Safety Project.

NMIFA donated 30 bags of cement for the project, while NMBA gave 20 bags. The donation was presented last Friday at MHS with members and officials of the two sports associations and students and officials of the Dolphins witnessing

the turnover ceremony.

Jerry Tan, president of both NMIFA and NMBA led the turnover ceremony and was joined by NMIFA general

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Standing from left, MHS vice principal Christine Masga-Tudela, NMIFA general secretary Ed Salas, MHS principal Craig Garrison, Theresa Kim, and NMIFA president Jerry Tan pose with MHS students during a donation turnover ceremony for the MHS Sidewalk Safety Project last Friday.